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THE FRENCH IN MEXICO.

THE European intervention in the affairs of the Mexican Republic has entered upon a new phase. Great Britain and Spain have simultaneously retired from the enterprise of restoring order in that distracted country, leaving to the French Government the sole honour, responsibility, and expense of carrying out its own more comprehensive and thoroughgoing plans. In this we see little to regret. The share of the British Government in the joint expedition was from the first on such a modest scale as to suggest the idea that their participation in the alliance was nominal and formal, and designed with the object of giving them a vote in the common councils which might be needed to counterbalance the supposed projects of Spain, rather than with a view to efficient operations against the dominant faction in Mexico, which dignifies itself with the style and title of the Government. At the outset there was some reason to fear that the Spanish Government and people were indulging themselves in dreams of reconquest and a revival of the ideas of Hernando Cortes. If ever entertained, they have vanished before the hard realities of international policy. The aversion with which the descendants of the revolted colonists regarded the flag of the "mother country" planted anew upon their soil—an aversion which they were politely careful to distinguish from the much milder sentiment of chagrin with which they viewed the presence of the French and British troops—proved that Spain was not fitted to be the instrument for inflicting a measured and mitigated chastisement which has for its aim not the ruin and permanent subjugation but the reformation of the culprit. The withdrawal of Spain removes from the expedition its ugliest feature, while the retirement of Great Britain relieves our embarrassed finances from what might become a heavy strain, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer of one at least of his large budget of cares.

Thus France stands forward in a character highly gratifying to her great self-love, as the representative and agent of European civilisation for the subjugation of a semi-barbarous community and the regeneration of a beautiful country. She aspires to re-enact in Mexico the rôle she recently abandoned with reluctance in Syria. In the Syrian affair she was the fully recognised and duly authorised agent of Europe; in Mexico the agency is not the less real because it is tacitly conferred and accepted, and results from an "understanding" instead of a formal convention. Fortunately, John Bull is not now in one of his periodical invasion panics. The 1500 pairs of long boots so kindly furnished by the French Government for the use of the Canadian garrison trampled out the last scintilla of "the third panic." Had it been otherwise the present phase of the Mexican difficulty might have furnished the occasion to party politicians and "sensation" journalists for getting up a Gallophobic cry. The wise and generous conduct of the French Government in our late difficulty with the United States now stands it in good stead, and enables its acts and intentions to be viewed with impartiality and freedom from the distorting mist of prejudice which is too apt to cloud the perceptions of a large portion of the English people. Now is the time to reiterate the assertion that British and French interests on the American continent are absolutely identical, that for the past twenty years the two nations have pursued a common policy on every American question, and that their accord offers the best and probably the only adequate guarantee for the protection of European interests whenever they may happen to come in conflict with the purely selfish and often Anti-European policy of the leading Power of the New World. There are none who will view the planting of the

"RICHMOND CASTLE, YORKSHIRE," BY G. DODGSON, IN THE EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.—SEE PAGE 531.

French flag in the plaza of the city of Mexico with so much pleasure as the European merchants, of whatever nation, who lead a precarious and timorous existence there.

The American Secretary of State has not left the world in darkness as to the light in which he views this intervention of Europe on the shores of the Gulf. Though never, it must be confessed, one of the blatant champions of that doctrine of American exclusiveness which is unfairly fathered upon Mr. Monroe, he has in the present instance shown himself actuated by the sentiment which underlies it. We cannot, indeed, blame him for opposing with all his usual force the rumoured project of forcing an Austrian Prince upon the *unwilling* Mexicans—a course which, he truly says, "would be the beginning rather than the ending of the revolution in Mexico," and which makes even the Spanish General cry out, "What madness!" Neither, on the other hand, is there any sufficient ground for doubting the sincerity of the disavowal of such design given by the French Government. However unfriendly the Emperor of the French may be to republics in the abstract, and however willing to identify the cause of order with that of monarchy, provided the Mexicans are an assenting party (which they will assuredly not be), there is nothing in his character and past career to lead us to suppose he would be likely to engage in the quixotic enterprise of restoring, *à tout prix*, the fallen fortunes of monarchy in the New World, whose political soil seems eminently unfriendly to the growth of that institution. At any rate, it will devolve upon the American Government, not on ours, to protect the Republican cause in the New World and thwart the designs of the partisans of General Almonte and the Archduke Maximilian. Had Mr. Seward confined himself to a protest against a scheme of this kind he would not have encountered the defeat which his diplomacy in this affair has already suffered both at home and abroad. While keenly susceptible to the slight wound inflicted on American vanity by the presence on Mexican soil of a European armed force, he was as indifferent as any old-school professor of the ethics of statecraft to the serious wrongs to which Europe had long tamely submitted. Taking no thought of the oft-repeated cry of "Death to foreigners!" and its tragic results to the lives of unoffending families, nor of the national flags repeatedly dishonoured, Mr. Seward obstinately refused to see that any questions were involved beyond those of pecuniary compensation and punctual payment of the national debt. In accordance with this idea, he hit upon the expedient of offering to the three Powers a United States' guarantee of the solvency of Mexico for ten years, in return for which they were to remove their fleets and pay involuntary homage to the "Monroe doctrine." In November Lord Lyons wrote from Washington that Mr. Seward was very unwilling to believe that the European Powers would reject his offer.

In further prosecution of this happy conception he instructed Mr. Corwin, the American Minister to Mexico, to negotiate a treaty of this nature with the Government of Juarez, but the United States' Senate, putting a truer construction on the motives which actuated the European Powers, or considering that the present was not the time to undertake new and complicated financial engagements, rejected the treaty with a promptness and unanimity which was the reverse of flattering to Mr. Seward's statesmanship.

Another result of this new complication is to bring the policy of the United States and France into more definite opposition to each other. So long as Great Britain was connected with the undertaking the lion's share of the odium attaching thereto in the eyes of the Americans would have been allotted to us, but now all British responsibility ceases. It will be edifying to observe with what oily professions of goodwill and resignation the American Secretary of State, Congress, journalists, and people will watch the progress of French arms in Mexico. Whatever the outward expressions may be, we may rely upon it that there will be distrust and apprehension within, which will not be the less painful because more than usually well concealed. The apprehension thus aroused will not be without its good use. It will act on the American mind as a counter-irritant to the feeling of resentment towards England now unhappily so rife there. The American Government has, moreover, a rod in pickle for Spain respecting the recent reannexation to the Spanish crown of the quondam Republic of San Domingo. Time was when the untrammelled and abstinent foreign policy of the Government of Washington made the office of Secretary of State almost a sinecure whose chief attraction was the opportunity it afforded for writing a long, showy, and spirited despatch to some European Government or other once or twice in the course of four years; but times are changed for the worse in this respect, and even the active and versatile genius of Mr. Seward groans under the pressure put upon his department.

Finally, will the French Government succeed in the main and legitimate object of its policy—the restoration of a strong and settled Government to Mexico? There are always plenty of cynics and pessimists in the world ready to prophesy evil of any enterprise, especially when it is conducted by a nation to which our historical traditions are opposed. We are inclined to take a more hopeful view. The Emperor of the French can better afford to spend several hundred million francs than be the originator of an abortive and ridiculous expedition. Mexican anarchy is to a great extent an artificial product raised in the hotbed of the protection thrown around it by the Government of the United States in pre-revolutionary times. That protection being now at an end, there is a fair prospect that affairs will mend after Europe has reasserted her claims to respect and "redressed the balance" of the New World. At all events, the experiment is worth trying; and whether it be conducted by one European Power, or by a combination of three, is a matter of secondary concern. If the experiment succeeds, the result will accrue to the benefit of every commercial nation, and the French will be able to realise that sense of serene pleasure which the expenditure of one's private resources on behalf of the general good imparts to every chivalrous mind. In respect to France herself, the occupation of Mexico will serve the same purpose as the occupation of Syria. It will afford an outlet to those feverish energies of the French people which find themselves "cribbed, cabined, and confined" within the narrow limits of their native land, and, by so doing, will help to prolong that era of general peace in Europe in which it is our privilege to live, and the continuance of which is so indispensable to the happiness and prosperity, not only of the people of these isles, but of all mankind.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

FRANCE.

Said Pacha, Viceroy of Egypt, accompanied by his nephew, Mustapha Pacha, and a numerous suite, arrived at Paris on Sunday. The Emperor had sent one of his Aides-de-Camp and other officials to meet the Viceroy at Lyons. At the station at Paris the Viceroy was received by the Prefect of Paris and by the Secretary-General of the Prefecture of the Seine. A battalion of infantry of the Imperial Guard was drawn up at the station to receive his Highness. Court carriages, with an escort of honour of the Imperial Cavalry Guard, escorted the Viceroy to the Palace of the Tuileries. The Emperor received the Viceroy at the top of the grand staircase and introduced him to the Empress. Apartments have been prepared for the Viceroy at the Pavillon Marsan.

The French press has been much occupied in discussing the position of the Mexican intervention. Monday's *Moniteur* reprints several clauses of the treaty in reference to the intervention in Mexico, in order, as it says, to recall the objects for which the expedition was undertaken. The *Opinion Nationale*, the *Presse*, and the *Siècle* condemn the expedition as a useless waste of life and treasure.

The *Moniteur* of Wednesday contains the promulgation of a convention just concluded between England and France to regulate the situation of commercial, industrial, and financial companies in the respective States and possessions of both Powers. The convention secures to all companies and associations instituted and authorised in either of the two countries according to its regular forms the faculty of exercising all their rights and pursuing their legal claims through the States and possessions of the other Power without any condition beyond that of conforming with its laws.

SPAIN.

Their Majesties have returned to the capital.

Conferences have taken place between General O'Donnell, Senor Collantes, and Sir John Crampton, the English Ambassador.

A motion made in the Cortes, on Monday, elicited from the Minister of State the important statement that the Government approved the conduct of General Prim and the Spanish Plenipotentiary in Mexico.

BELGIUM.

A letter from Brussels states that an important and unlooked-for improvement in the health of King Leopold has spread the greatest joy among all classes of his subjects in every part of the kingdom. Queen Victoria, in the midst of her own afflictions, has addressed to his Majesty an autograph letter, which is said to be couched in the most affectionate language.

ITALY.

The King of Italy laid the first stone of the new harbour works in Naples on Saturday, and the popular ovation he received showed that the enthusiasm of the Neapolitans had not cooled.

Rome is full of Cardinals, Bishops, and Priests, congregated for the ceremonial of the canonisation of the Japanese martyrs, the cost of which is estimated at 400,000f. General Goyon left Rome on Saturday morning for Paris, "in order to confer with the Emperor." In official quarters it is stated that the departure of General Goyon is not regretted by the Pontifical Court and has given satisfaction to the Liberal party.

A discovery has been made of a projected attempt to send an expedition over the Italian frontier into the Southern Tyrol, and several officers of the old Garibaldian army, presumed to be the chiefs of the conspiracy, have been arrested. Altogether one hundred persons have been taken into custody.

AUSTRIA.

The Government have taken alarm at the project, happily frustrated, of the Garibaldians to pass the frontiers and promote insurrections in the Austrian and Turkish territories. The Austrian troops have been pushed forward, and, according to a despatch from Brescia, have occupied the line of the Lago di Garda.

PRUSSIA.

The Chambers were opened on Monday. The Minister President inaugurated the Session in the name of the King, and laid before the members the Ministerial programme. The programme is drawn up apparently under the conviction that the Government is in a decided minority in the Lower House. An appeal is made at the termination of it that the House will not refuse the Government its patriotic support in measures necessary for the dignity and honour of the country, "as well as in the furtherance of all branches of peaceful pursuits."

RUSSIAN POLAND.

Numerous arrests, mostly among women, have taken place at Warsaw on account of prohibited songs having been sung in the Carmelite Church. Some conflicts with the police took place in Warsaw on the 17th. Cossacks are encamped in the public squares.

AMERICA.

By the arrival of the North American and the City of Washington we have news from New York to the 10th inst.

BELLIGERENT OPERATIONS BY SEA AND LAND.

The events on the York and James River peninsula have been of the highest significance. On the 30th ult. President Davis and other Confederate leaders arrived at Yorktown, and after a consultation with the leading Generals all agreed that Yorktown was untenable and should be evacuated. General Magruder alone was of opinion that it was not advisable to evacuate the position. General J. Johnston issued the order for the evacuation on the 1st inst. It was commenced on the 2nd and completed on the night of the 3rd. The Confederates left a large amount of guns and camp equippage which they could not remove for fear of being seen.

As soon as the evacuation of Yorktown was known, the troops under the command of General M'Clellan were put in motion to pursue the Confederates. On the 4th, two miles from Williamsburg, they came up with the Confederates' rearguard, which was found to be strong. The Federals being in want of infantry and night coming on, the pursuit was postponed till the morning of the 5th.

The Federal gun-boats proceeded up York River simultaneously with the land forces.

On the 5th an engagement took place at Williamsburg, which resulted in the further retreat of the Confederates, and the occupation of the position by the Federals. At nine p.m. General M'Clellan and escort entered the town and took possession. About 150 of the Confederates' wounded were left behind without any rations, medicines, or surgeons. All the wounded prisoners taken by the Confederates were also abandoned. Including the wounded, the Federals took in the engagement about 1000 prisoners. General M'Clellan reports that the brilliant bayonet charge of General Hancock decided the fate of the day. The Federals lost about 300 killed and 700 wounded. Nearly 700 of the Confederate dead were left on the field. A large number of guns, ammunition, and a considerable store of provisions were found in the town, and the road was strewn for many miles with arms.

After the evacuation of Williamsburg the Federal forces pursued the Confederates eight miles beyond, as far as the Chickahominy River. The Confederates, retreating across the Chickahominy, destroyed all the bridges. The main body had at last accounts retreated to the south bank of the James River. The Federal forces rested on the left bank of this river. General M'Clellan finds great difficulty in getting up food, on account of the state of the roads. The Confederates in front of him are in a worse condition, many of the captured not having tasted anything but biscuit for forty-eight hours.

The Federal iron-clad steamer Galena, with two gun-boats, had started up the James River to cut off the river communication of the Confederates with Richmond. This expedition seems to have miscarried, as, on the 9th, General M'Clellan reports that the Galena was aground in James River, a little above Yorktown.

Twenty thousand Federal troops, under General Franklin, had been landed at West Point, at the head of York River, and twenty miles above Williamsburg. An engagement had occurred at West Point between this division and the Confederates under General Lee. The latter were shelled by the gun-boats and retreated. It was hoped that this body would intercept the retreat of the Confederate army; but the retreat of the main body across the James River had frustrated this scheme, and General Franklin's troops had effected a junction with M'Clellan's.

Norfolk had not yet been evacuated. Reconnaissances of Federal iron-clad boats to Sewall's Point have established the fact that very few guns and men remained there. The Merrimac and Monitor approached each other several times, but no battle ensued. The Federal steamers returned to Fort Monroe.

General M'Dowell had made no onward movement, and General Banks was still at Newmarket, in the valley of the Shenandoah, waiting for forage and provisions.

Advices from General Burnside's command in North Carolina report that large numbers of men had taken the oath of allegiance, and that a loyal regiment of North Carolinians had been organised.

Nothing decisive is reported from the armies of Generals Halleck and Beauregard.

Federal accounts from New Orleans state that the bombardment of the forts below that city lasted six days without intermission. Twenty-one mortar and three gun boats conducted the attack. On the 23rd ult. they succeeded in silencing the fortifications, and in securing the safe passage of the river of fourteen war-steamers, among which was the flag-ship. A severe naval engagement ensued, in which eleven Confederate gun-boats were destroyed. The Union gun-boat Verona and the Confederate steamer Webster mutually destroyed each other. General Butler landed 4000 men above the forts, and on the 24th the forts were surrendered unconditionally. Captain Bailey officially reports that the whole of the Confederate navy at New Orleans has been destroyed. The loss of the Federals was thirty killed and one hundred wounded; that of the Confederates much greater. The way is now clear from the Gulf to Bâton Rouge, and the Federal fleet are moving on to Natchez and Memphis.

The Confederates have destroyed cotton and shipping to the amount of 10,000,000 dols. to prevent it falling into the hands of the victors. At Memphis sugar and molasses in large quantities were on the bluff ready to be rolled into the river, and all cotton was to be burnt. The planters whose estates lie on the tributaries to the Mississippi have also set the torch to their stores. It is said only one planter objected to take this course.

Postal communication by water between New York and New Orleans has been re-established. The Union citizens of the latter place have held a meeting at which enthusiastic demonstrations took place.

The steam-ship Bermuda, and other British ships, laden with arms, ammunition, and stores, had been captured by the Federal fleet, the former when bound for and about to enter the British port of Nassau, New Providence. The steamer Nashville successfully ran the blockade off Wilmington with a cargo of gunpowder and army stores. She passed through the fleet of seven vessels, all of which threw shells at her without inflicting any damage.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The proceedings of Congress have been unimportant. The French Minister arrived at Yorktown on the 4th inst. On the 7th President Lincoln was at Fortress Monroe and Newport News, and had a distant view of the Merrimac.

Mr. Seward has instructed Mr. Adams to demand of the British Government the restitution of the recaptured prize, Emily St. Pierre, lately brought into Liverpool.

In consequence of the decisive successes of the Federal forces, all Government, railway, bank, and insurance stocks have risen rapidly in value. The 7 30 Treasury notes were at 3 per cent premium, and everything else in proportion.

The official figures of the losses of the Federals at the battle near Pittsburg Landing show the following results:—Total killed, 1735; total wounded, 7882; missing, 4044: grand total, 13,661.

MEXICO.

The intelligence from Mexico confirms the withdrawal of England and Spain from the Mexican expedition. General Prim maintained that the London convention did not authorise the attitude taken by France, and that the Allies had no right to force any form of government on the Mexicans; and, as he considered the resolve of France not to continue treating with the Juarez Government was a breach of the treaty, and equivalent to a declaration of war on Mexico, he decided on withdrawing his forces. This he did, and the British marines were also withdrawn. According to the last advices the French representatives, on the 16th of April, issued a declaration of war against the Juarez Government.

The Queen has given orders for the appointment of John Hay Drummond Hay, Esq., C.B., her Majesty's Minister Resident at the Court of Morocco, and of Harry Smith Parkes, Esq., C.B., her Majesty's Consul at Shanghai, to be Knights Commanders of the Bath.

The last accounts of the war in the Herzegovina are favourable to the insurgents. The capture of Nikaich by the Montenegrins is confirmed, but the citadel still holds out. The Montenegrins are reported to have made a reconnaissance towards Mostar.

ELECTORAL HESSE.—On Saturday last a Prussian ultimatum was dispatched to Cassel demanding the dismissal of the Ministry within forty-eight hours after its presentation, on account of the insulting treatment to which General Willisen had been subjected. After a Cabinet Council, which sat till eleven o'clock on Monday evening, the Elector rejected this ultimatum. Consequently, the Prussian Ambassador at Cassel, Herr von Sydow, has broken off diplomatic relations with the Hessian Government, and the Ambassador of Hesse at Berlin has been recalled.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will of the Right Hon. Robert Henry Herbert, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, of Wilton House, near Salisbury, was proved in the London Court, on the 17th inst., under £120,000 personalty in England, the executors nominated being his brother-in-law, the Earl of Clanwilliam, the Hon. Anthony John Ashley Cooper, and Robert French Burnett, Esq.; the latter alone took grant of probate as acting executor. The Earl executed his will in 1854, and added thereto three codicils, dated respectively 1856, 1858, and 1861, and died at Place Vendôme, in Paris, in April last, at the age of seventy-one. The Earl married, in 1814, Princess Octavia Spinelli, daughter of the Duke of Laurino, widow of Prince Rubari of Sicily, who died in 1857. The title and estates descend to his nephew, George Robert Charles, the son and heir of the testator's brother, the late Right Hon. Sidney Lord Herbert of Lea. The will, which is of moderate dimensions, disposes of a rental of £7000 per annum to the family of Granville, and, after making specific bequests to some members of his Lordship's family, bequeaths the residue of his property to the family of Schöffer, of Paris. There is a legacy to his butler and valet of £400, together with an annuity to him of £100, and a legacy of £100 to his coachman. The heir to the ancient Welsh earldoms of Pembroke and Montgomery is a minor, now in his twelfth year, in whom also vests the title of Lord Herbert of Lea and other distinguished titles.

The will of Henry Waithman, Esq., of Old Broad-street, City, and Hall's-place, St. John's Wood, was proved in London by his widow, sole executrix. The personalty sworn under £10,000. The will bears date December last, and the testator died on the 11th of January. The deceased was a silkbroker, carrying on business in the firm of Messrs. Waithman, Jacomb, and Hogg, and acquired a handsome competency, consisting of realty and personalty, which he has bequeathed entirely to his relict and family. To his son Frederick he has given all his shares in the partnership concern, and to his relict his share in the capital thereof, together with all the testator's other property, both real and personal, absolutely, accompanying the bequest in the following affectionate terms:—"Feeling assured that she will do all that is right and expedient towards our dear children, and that she will be the better enabled to do this by having the uncontrolled right and authority over the property."

The will of the Rev. Mark Aloysius Tierney, Canon of St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, who died at Arundel, Sussex, in February last, was proved in the London Court by the executors, Anthony John W. Biddulph, Esq., of Burton Park, Sussex, Edward Norris, and Anthony Norris, Esqrs., both of Bedford-row. The personalty was sworn under £4000. The will bears date December last. The testator has bequeathed his property, with some few exceptions in favour of the Catholic communion, to personal friends, and to his servants; to one of the latter an annuity is given of £15. To a godson and goddaughter he leaves legacies of £100 each. The bequests in favour of the Catholic Church consist of a sum to be laid out in the purchase of books for the library of the College of St. Cuthbert, near Durham, and a year's interest arising from the residue of the testator's estate is to be expended under the direction of the titular Catholic Bishop of Southwark for the benefit of the Catholic students of that district. The ultimate residue of the testator's entire estate is to devolve upon the executors for their own use and benefit absolutely.

THE BRITISH PICTURES AT THE INTERNATIONAL PICTURE-GALLERY.

WE paid in our last a too tardy tribute to Hogarth as a great reformer in art as well as morals, as our first great painter, and, "take him for all in all," our best. Any allusions to the fine collection of his works here must necessarily be extremely cursory, for to describe them fully would have, and has, taken volumes. We have already mentioned the noble portrait of Captain Coram, which holds its ground well by its manly solid breadth among the works of even Reynolds and Gainsborough. The small portrait of the painter by himself seated before the very easel probably upon which all his works were painted, with a chalk outline of the Comic Muse suggestively drawn on the canvas before him, is that of just such a little, sturdy, unaffected, humorous-looking man as he was described, and as we should suppose him to have been. This is appropriately the first picture in the collection. The sound, fresh, pleasing "Portrait of Mrs. Hogarth" (13), without a trace of the Lely or Kneller affectation of the time, is almost equally interesting, for she, too, has not been appreciated as the heroine she was. We no doubt owe much of Hogarth's perseverence and application to this excellent woman, who was as amiable as she looks. Her conduct through a married life of more than forty years was sensible and exemplary; and she proved her respect for her husband's memory by refusing to break his injunction not to part with the picture of "Sigismunda" (an idealised portrait of herself) for less than £500 during twenty years of widowhood, although the declining circumstances of the latter part of her life compelled her to accept a small pension from the Royal Academy. How often must he have found consolation in her woman's love for the bitter attacks and cruel neglect of his contemporaries; yet how often must he have tried her patience by his mad pranks and excursions with Hayman and other boon companions and brother-artists! The history of the marriage is a little romance. The lady was the daughter of Sir James Thornhill, and married without the consent of her parents. Sir James, then a rich and honoured artist, was not easily reconciled to the match, and reasonably enough, considering the youth of his daughter, then barely eighteen, and that Hogarth, although in his thirty-second or thirty-third year, was as yet struggling and unknown. Shortly after his marriage, however, Hogarth's peculiar genius broke forth conspicuously in the series of "The Harlot's Progress." The only two of the series saved from the fire at Fonthill are here—"The Escaping Gallant," in which we see the poor country curate's daughter in keeping by a wealthy Jew she loathes and defies, kicking over the tea-table to allow the gallant concealed in the bedroom the opportunity of escaping; and "The Hempbeating," in which the fine lady, derided by her own servant, has, like the thieves, rogues, and others of her own stamp committed to Bridewell, the only alternative of either monotonous and detestable drudgery or the stick of the brutal gaoler. When some of the pictures of this series were finished, Mrs. Hogarth contrived, at the suggestion of her mother (Lady Thornhill), to introduce them into Sir James's dining-room as a surprise. This being done, when Sir James learnt that they were the productions of his son-in-law, he merely said, "The man who can produce such representations as these can maintain a wife without a portion." He soon afterwards, however, became both reconciled and generous to the runaway couple.

One of Hogarth's earliest pictures here is "The Mall" (5) in St. James's Park, the property of her Majesty. It is an amusing and curious representation of the fashionable promenade of the time—the exclusive platform, crowded with Ministers of State and noblemen wearing the blue ribbon of the Garter, splendidly-dressed beaux and belles; and outside this the more "vulgar herd." Two Scotchmen in kilts were then very rare phenomena in the metropolis; and black women in white dresses were not a common sight; but the general vices and whims of the time are indicated by the "lad" captain, the eering and indelicacy of the women, and the rage for snuff-taking. The "Scene from 'The Beggar's Opera'" is the original and best of the three versions extant. It was painted soon after the great run of the opera in 1730 (the year of Hogarth's marriage) for Rich, the manager of Drury Lane, whose fortune, as well as the poet's, was made by Gay's satire upon the Italian operatic performances, then recently introduced, "making," as was wittily said at the time, "Gay rich, and Rich gay." It is interesting as showing the way in which the side boxes then intruded upon the stage, and as containing the portraits of Walker, the original Macheath; and Miss Fenton, afterwards Duchess of Bolton, as Polly Peachum. The lifesize portrait of the actress (41), also by Hogarth, may be seen close by. The "Conversation at Wanstead House" (86) is said to have been the first work which brought the painter into any notice. It is the representation of a card party and general "at home," not exactly what we should call a conversazione. The word "conversation" was at this time commonly applied to pictures of this class, without strict regard to subject. Wanstead House, like Holland House and other mansions in London and the environs, was a notable place for such réunions and "assemblies" of virtuosi and fine ladies. The gambling propensities of our forefathers are indicated by the lady holding a card for the old nobleman to stake upon, who is too gouty probably to sit to the table. This picture is painted in a more minute and careful manner than most of his works, and resembles some of the Dutch masters. The figures are all portraits, many of which have been identified. Whatever notice this picture may have obtained for the painter it would seem, however, that he was not satisfied with its reception, for some of the figures are introduced in very questionable situations in later works. The old nobleman seated, for instance, will be instantly identified as the lord in the wedding-contract subject of the "Mariage à la Mode" series. There is another and much more freely and forcibly painted "conversation" piece (85) here, in which we see a fopling affectedly attitudinising and prating to an ecstatic lady and an irritated, gouty listener. "The Scrolling Actresses" (87) was undoubtedly intended as a satire upon the classical subjects then alone admissible in high art. And what a happy idea to take us behind the scenes to see the real persons and witness the actual "make-up" of the mythological gods and goddesses, heroes and heroines, of the classical stage! Diana is in an undress anything but chaste, Juno is enthroned on a wheelbarrow, Night mends her stocking, Flora restrains her flowing tresses with a tallow candle, Ganymede holds a glass of gin instead of the cup of nectar, and the Tragic Muse is drawing rouge for general consumption by snipping the cat's tail. The young and still natural novice, a most interesting figure on the right, weeping at the unforeseen exigencies of her position, is one of those beautiful and pathetic touches found in nearly all his pictures, and which gives true value and meaning to all the coarseness. In "The March of the Guards to Finchley" (6) the date on the tavern sign (1746) tells us that it represents the march of the Guards from London to arrest the southward progress of the Pretender. The picture was not, however, painted till four years later—therefore there was no ground for Wilkes's malicious representation that it was intended to make the Guards and the cause they were marching to defend ridiculous. The King himself—George II.—is said to have shared the same misapprehension. Ireland tells us that Hogarth's print of this picture was originally inscribed to the King, and a copy sent to St. James's for his approval. The Monarch is described as turning from the print to a nobleman in waiting with the question, "Who is this Hogarth?" "A painter, my liege." "*Painter*! I hate painting, and poetry too! Neither the one nor the other ever did any good. Does the fellow mean to laugh at my Guards?" "The picture, so please your Majesty, must undoubtedly be considered as a burlesque." "What! a painter burlesque a soldier! He deserves to be ticketted for his insolence. Take his trumpery out of my sight." Whatever the foundation for this anecdote, the print was certainly not dedicated to King George, but to Frederick the Great. Nevertheless, the picture itself affords conclusive evidence that Hogarth was no Jacobite. On the contrary, it contrasts the intrigues of the Jacobite agents unfavourably with the more honest vices and unthinking resolution of the British Grenadier. But we know from many other sources how cordially he hated the French and the Jesuits, and everything pertaining to Jacobitism. He has represented merely the stragglers and the thieves, blackguards and camp-followers, which hang on the rearguard of every military force. The body of the troops are seen in orderly march in the distance. The two Jacobite agents exchanging treasonable news, and the grenadier puzzled between his two rival trulls, the one Protestant, the other Papist, indicating the doubtful loyalty of even the army at that critical moment, cannot escape observation; but it is useless to attempt to indicate the wonderful affluence of character, humour, and invention throughout the whole work. Hogarth disposed of many of his pictures by giving lottery tickets to each purchaser of his prints of them. A number remaining unsold of this picture, he presented them to the Foundling Hospital, and, one of these proving the prize, it became and still is in the possession of that charity. The trustees of the Soane Museum have been empowered by an Act of Parliament to send the two famous series of "The Rake's Progress" (eight pictures) and "The Election" (four pictures). The former are frightfully darkened by the coats of brown varnish with which it was formerly the ignorant custom to deluge oil paintings by way of giving them "tone." Through all, however, shines a marvellous and almost lavish display of mingled humour, caustic satire, and tragic power. "The Inheritance" reads us the never-to-be-forgotten lesson of the effect upon a son of a father's lifelong miserly avarice. Note the old shoes soled with leather cut from the covers of an old family Bible, and the memorandum in the old journal—"May 5, 1721: Put off my bad shilling"! Such touches of inventive genius as these seem to us quite sublime. Onward we are hurried through the mad, heartless career of the profligate—"The Levée" in the morning, "The Orgie" at night, the quick "Arrest," the "Marriage" with the rich old hag to replace his already dissipated inheritance (note the cobweb over the hole of the poor-box); then to "The Gaming House," to forget the horrors of home; penniless again, and in "The Fleet Prison," and the final issue, "last scene of all," in "Bedlam"—the poor girl he ruined and forsook at his side, even here. No novelist ever put into his three volumes more variety of incident or told a more tragic tale than this. The Election pictures, the latest and the best here, it would be almost an insult, both to the painter's memory and to the reader, to pretend to describe. Either of them, the "Entertainment," the "Canvassing," the "Polling," or the "Chairing," deserves hours of study. The first named and the "Shortly after Marriage," of the "Mariage à la Mode" series, are the finest examples of the great painter's command of all the resources and technicalities of art. It would be supererogatory also to allude further to a series which is one of the very choicest treasures of our National Gallery. The "Southwark Fair" (84) is placed at too great a height to be examined in its present black state, although well deserving it. A sketch of a "Shrimp-girl (40) is remarkable for the vivacity of the smile and its masterly freedom. An anecdotic interest attaches to a small head (96). When looked at from below, a seam may be perceived across the face. This was a gash made by the painter's knife when the husband of the lady grumbled at the portrait as not pretty enough. "Paint another yourself!" said Hogarth, as he slashed the face across.

MUSIC.

The two Italian theatres this week have presented scarcely any feature of novelty. At the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA, Delle-Sedie has appeared in the character of the Duke in "Rigoletto"—Ronconi, to whom the part properly belongs, and whose performance of it is unrivalled, having been prevented from arriving in London by a severe illness, which detains him in Spain. To appear as a substitute for such a performer was a severe trial; but Signor Delle-Sedie acquitted himself ably, and had a favourable reception.

At HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE the only novelty has been the appearance of Mdme. Trebelli as Rosina, in the "Barbière di Siviglia." She was quite successful, being not only a lively and graceful actress and an accomplished singer, but possessing the register of voice—a contralto—which is perfectly suited to the music of the part, in which she reminded us not a little of Mdme. Alboni.

The fifth concert of the PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY took place on Monday evening. The following programme will give a complete idea of the character of the concert:—

PART I.

Sinfonia in E flat	Mozart.
Recit., "Hai già vinto;" Aria, "Vedrò, mentr'io sospiro," Signor Belletti ("Nozze di Figaro")	Mozart.
Concerto in B minor. Violoncello, Herr Davidoff, of the Conservatoire, Leipsic (his first appearance in England) ..	David-ff.
Scena, "Ah qual furor," Miss Louisa Pyne ("Fidelio") ..	Beethoven.
Overture ("Isles of Fingal")	Mendelssohn.

PART II.

Sinfonia Pastorale	Beethoven.
Duetto, "Dunque io son," Miss L. Pyne and Signor Belletti ("Il Barbière di Siviglia")	Rossini.
Fantasia, Oboe, M. Lavigne ("Guillaume Tell")	Lavigne and Arditi.
Overture ("Anacreon")	Cherubini.

As appears from this programme, the only novelty was the appearance (for the first time in England) of the young Russian violoncellist, Herr Davidoff. He brought with him a great Continental reputation, which he fully deserves, being a performer of the highest order, equally admirable for tone, execution, style, and expression. *Au reste*, the concert was brilliant and successful. The rooms were crowded, and the performers, especially Miss Louisa Pyne and Signor Belletti, were warmly applauded.

MR. HAROLD THOMAS gave a matinée musicale at Willis's Rooms on Monday last—a very classical and elegant entertainment. Mr. Thomas is a young pianist and composer of great merit and rising reputation. He is a pupil of Professor Sterndale Bennett, and consequently belongs to the best and purest school of music. The concert began with Professor Bennett's trio, op. 26, for the piano, violin, and violoncello, a well-known and beautiful work, admirably performed by Mr. Thomas, Herr Joachim, and Signor Piatti. Mr. Thomas afterwards played an impromptu of Chopin; an exceedingly spirited solo, composed by himself, called "Across Country," in the hunting style; and Schubert's "Rondo Brillant," for the piano and violin, in which he was accompanied by Herr Joachim. His talent for vocal composition was evinced by a very beautiful song, "Wind of the Western Sea" (the words by Tennyson), charmingly sung by Miss Banks. Professor Bennett and Herr Joachim played one of Bach's sonatas for the pianoforte and violin. Several airs were sung by Mdme. Guerrabella, Mr. Santley, and Mr. Tennant; and a solo on the violoncello was performed by Signor Piatti. The room was crowded with fashionable company.

An interesting soirée musicale was given last week by Miss Fanny Partridge at the residence of her father, Dr. Partridge, of York-place, Portman-square, under highly distinguished patronage. She was assisted by Miss Wilkinson, Mdlle. Thelen, Signor Ciabatta, and Mr. Bond, vocalists, and by several eminent instrumental performers. We noticed favourably Miss Partridge's début last year, and we are now able to record a further progress in her singing, the evident result of careful study. Her pleasing contralto voice and simple expressive style were heard to great advantage in the pretty Scotch ballad "And ye shall walk in silk attire," which was very warmly applauded. The brilliant rondo, from Copolla's "Nina," sung by Miss Wilkinson; the charming romance from "Dinorah," "Sei vendicata assai," by Signor Ciabatta; Benedict's air "Eily Mavourneen," by Mr. Herbert Bond; Beethoven's trio, for piano, violin, and violoncello, op. 11, played by Messrs. Ganz, Deichmann, and Paque; and Ganz's "Grand Galop de Concert," entitled "Qui vive," one of the most brilliant and popular pianoforte pieces of the season, were the most remarkable features of this very elegant entertainment.

We observe that Mrs. ANDERSON'S concert—to take place at Her Majesty's Theatre on the 30th of this month—is announced as her farewell to the public. This announcement is not wholly unexpected, as Mrs. Anderson has long ceased to appear in public except at her own annual concerts, where her performances, marked with all their wonted power, brilliancy, and finish, have excited undiminished admiration, mingled with regret that they are so rarely heard. She is now, it appears, about to withdraw entirely from her position as a public performer—a position in which she has gained the renown throughout Europe of being one of the greatest female pianists of an age rich in female genius and talent; and she has the further merit of having always been a votary of the great and beautiful in her art, and an uncompromising opponent of fashionable frivolity. Her pure and elevated taste has been of still greater importance to the public in her character of an instructress than her accomplishments as a *virtuose*, for in this character she has taught multitudes to follow in her own footsteps; and, if the English ladies of the present day evince a solidity of musical acquirement and a knowledge and love of the art in its best and noblest forms, not surpassed by those of any country in the world, it is because their taste and judgment are formed by such instructors as Mrs. Anderson. It is with pleasure, therefore, that we learn that, though she ceases to be a candidate for public applause, she does not abandon what is, after all, the most important and useful branch of her profession.

THE THEATRES.

NEW ROYALTY.—This theatre has at length obtained a management which is, we think, more likely to make it answer than any that have preceded it. Mr. Elliot Galer has undertaken the conduct, and on Monday commenced operations, in the presence of a fashionable and appreciative audience. He has been exceedingly fortunate in his first production. Under the title of "Blonde or Brunette?" Mr. J. P. Wooler has written him a charming operetta. Such a libretto we have not for a long time perused. Here we have a sterling dialogue, and songs that mean something. The basis of the story is sufficiently familiar, but the manner of working it out has peculiarities which show originality on the author's part. The theme consists of the troubles of Captain Aspinall (Mr. E. Galer), a young gentleman who does not yet understand his own mind and has not exactly ascertained whether or not he loves Lady Maud Towersley (Miss Fanny Reeves). Lord Towersley (Mr. Drayton) would hasten his apprehension, and interferes in the business, to the annoyance of Maud, who likes flirting, and would not accept the Captain other than as a free man. When, therefore, under the influence of his Lordship, he proposes, she rejects, and thus the noble and Captain get involved in a duel, which causes Sir Anthony Clinton, their commander, to put them both into close quarters. In the second act the parties have to be extricated from these delicate difficulties. Maud disguises herself as an Irish girl, and contrives that the Captain shall fall in love with her in such character, and then personates her brother, Hector Brian Boroo, who demands satisfaction from both the Captain and his Lordship. Afterwards she presents herself as the fair Maud, and reveals her little plot, having previously convinced herself of the Captain's affection. The music to this delightful little drama has been composed by Mr. W. M. Lutz, and is replete with some charming harmonies. Some of the airs must become very popular, and there was more than one ballad that pleased the audience greatly. One by Maud, "'Tis gone! the hope that once did beam," was deservedly encored; and another by the same lady, "The Belle of Ballingarry," which is a gem. Lord Towersley, in a hunting song, was also great; and had an effective baritone song—"We should speak kindly when we chide." But this operetta is throughout so meritorious that it seems almost invidious to select pieces for approval. Suffice it to say that its success was not doubtful for a single moment, and that the curtain fell on an excited audience. We should not, however, counsel the management to depend on operetta alone, but to vary the entertainment with other dramas of a high class. One such piece as "Blonde or Brunette?" is sufficient for an evening; and if followed up by an effective drama, supported by a leading actress of reputation, would ensure, by such combined attraction, the support of a select and superior audience, enough in numbers to fill so small a theatre. Success must depend on the refinement displayed in the selection of the pieces, and their appropriate execution. A brilliant career lies before Mr. Galer if he determines at once on such an enlargement of his plan.

STANDARD.—A new "sensation" drama was produced on Saturday, entitled "The Rath Boys; or, Erin's Fair Daughter (a Tale of the Emerald Isle)." It is the joint production of Mr. Williams Buchanan and Mr. Charles Gibbon, and is in four acts. The evident purpose of the writers was to supply a plot that should conduct to a scene similar to the Lyceum drama, but which might have been better if it had been more original. The hero, Shadragh the Shingawn, an unfortunate outcast falsely accused of murder and Rathboyism, was supported by Mr. Edmund Phelps with great care; and the heroine, Aileen O'Sullivan, by Miss Marriott, was rendered interesting. The first act, by its sustained interest, led us to expect a stirring drama, but the remaining three acts gradually fell off, nor could all the self-devotion of the hero secure sympathetic attention. One character, played by Mr. T. B. Bennett, who very cleverly impersonated a lanky Irish lawyer, who gets illtreated by the peasantry, was certainly amusing, and, indeed, so well acted that it ought to redeem whatever may be the shortcomings of the drama as a whole. The production exhibits a fair share of dramatic power, but more stage experience is required for ensuring complete success.

MR. C. MATHEWS' NEW ENTERTAINMENT.—Her Majesty's Concert Room is again occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. Mathews, who produced on Monday a new entertainment, written for them by Mr. Henry J. Byron, which is remarkable for dash and variety of treatment. Unlike these polygraphic entertainments in general, the present has a decided plot and unity of action. It describes the perplexity of a manager and his wife in a country town, who have only themselves to perform all the parts of a "sensation" drama. The action consists of impersonations by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathews of individuals likely to be associated with such a design—for instance, the sweeper of the theatre—a schoolboy, with his grumbling father and lively sister, applying for tickets to the play, and two whimsical crones who join in a duet in which they scandalise their acquaintance. In all this there is great merit of composition, and great vivacity in the representation. The drama itself is then performed under the title of "The Sensation Fork," and the stage is beautifully illustrated with a scene by Mr. O'Connor, which presents a mountain pass, where the most romantic incidents take place. Here we have a mortal combat, the revival of a lunatic by means of lunar influence, and a tremendous header from a rude bridge into a watery chasm. The burlesque is exceedingly well written, and the exaggerated action capitally kept up by Mr. and Mrs. C. Mathews, who, we think, will prove immensely attractive in their new venture.

Mr. C. F. Skirrow has been appointed Taxing Master in Chancery, in the place of the late Mr. Baines; and Mr. Bristow, M.P. for Kidderminster, has been appointed Admiralty Solicitor in his place.

We learn (says the *Scotsman*) from the extensive forests in the north that the season has been very favourable for the deer. The reports from the moors also bespeak good prospects for the sportsmen.

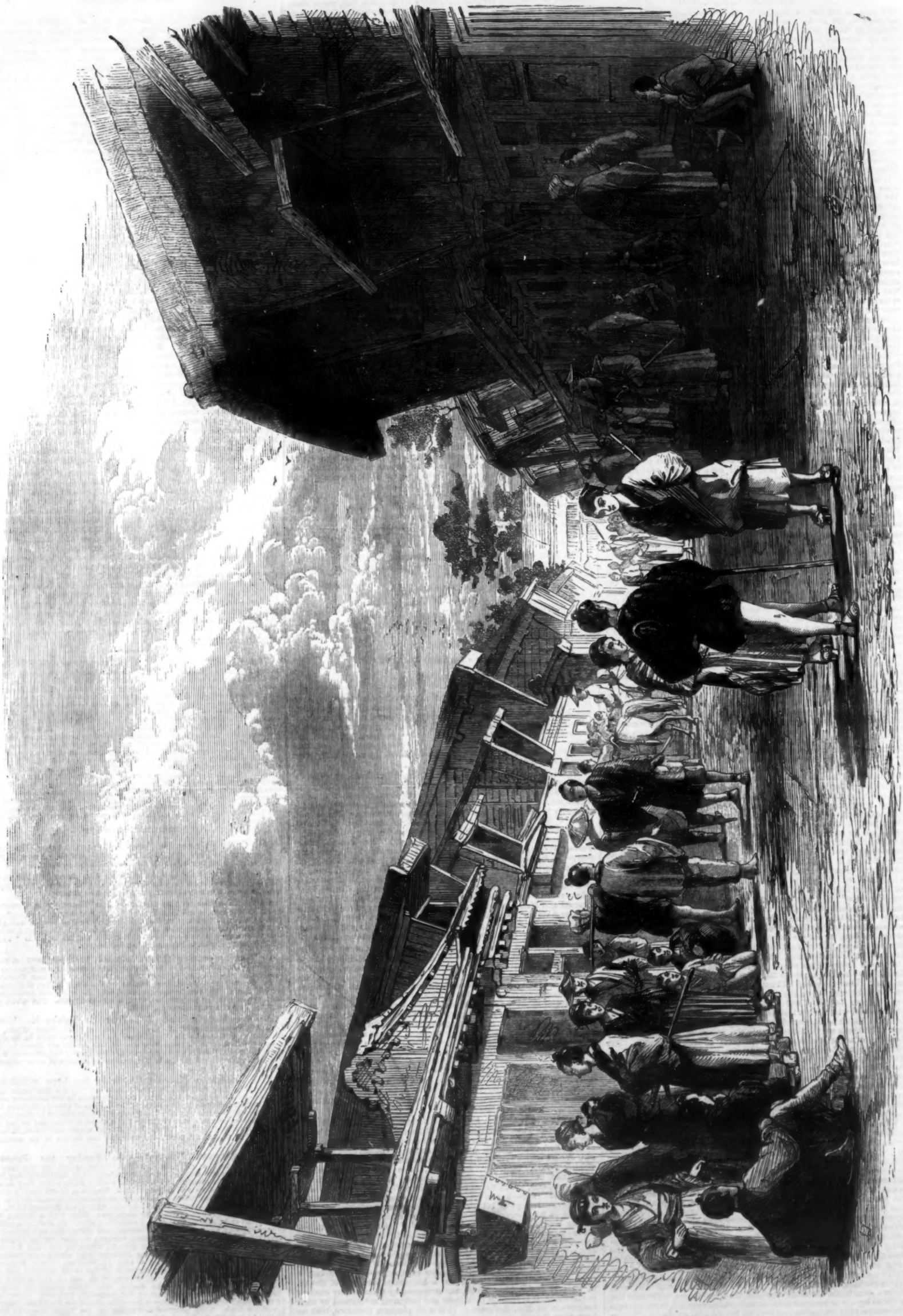
Garibaldi writes to the editor of the *Times*, from Trescore, dated the 13th inst., to call attention to the fact that some arms belonging to Italians, seized at Galatz with the assistance of English vessels, and given over to the Turkish authorities, have not been restored. The Turks, he says, will restore them with the consent of England, and his object is "to call forth an interpellation in Parliament" on the matter.

On Tuesday evening the testimonials to those men who so nobly risked their own lives in the effort to save some of the sufferers by the accident at the Hartley Colliery were presented at the new Townhall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. The chair was taken by Mr. Hugh Taylor, chairman of the coal trade. The men were accompanied by their wives and sweethearts, and, previous to the presentation, were entertained to tea. The whole proceedings were of a very interesting kind.

Mr. Tite, M.P., Professor Donaldson, Mr. Smirke, Mr. Gilbert Scott, Mr. Pennethorne, Mr. P. Hardwick, jun., and Mr. Digby Wyatt, are the architects selected by the Committee of Advice to assist them in deciding upon a design for the National Memorial of the late Prince Consort. The *Times* states that there is a growing feeling in the literary and scientific world in favour of devoting a portion of the fund to the erection of some scientific or literary institution.

The Exhibition Fine-Art Handbook has been withdrawn. The commissioners drew Mr. Palgrave's attention "to the statements made by some eminent sculptors respecting certain passages in the handbook which are of a character likely to be painful to the feelings of artists who have been invited to exhibit their works." Mr. Palgrave at once replied by returning to the commissioners the licence of publication granted to him; and he has been thanked for relieving them "from the difficulty which has arisen in consequence of a mutual misunderstanding as to the nature of the handbook required."

THE JAPANESE MISSION.—On Sunday the Japanese Ambassadors took a drive to Hampton Court, going by the way of Twickenham. After making a tour of the interior of the Palace they were conducted over the grounds, and thence to Bushey Park, which they saw in all its glory of foliage and flower. From Hampton Court they drove to Richmond, where they halted for an hour or so to take luncheon at the Star and Garter. Here they were captivated by the view from Richmond-hill, and lingered over the enjoyment of it for some time. They paid a passing visit to the Earl and Countess Russell at Pembroke Lodge. On Monday a portion of the Embassy went again to the International Exhibition, and particularly inspected the machinery in the western annexe; another portion visited the office of the ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS; whilst on the same day some Japanese officers connected with the Embassy were shown over Woolwich Arsenal. On Tuesday they paid a visit to Windsor. Their Eminences arrived by the eleven o'clock morning train of the Great Western Railway. Two open carriages being in attendance, with one of the Queen's outriders, they proceeded to the Castle, and were conducted through the state and private apartments by Mr. Seabrook, an officer in the Lord Chamberlain's department. They afterwards visited the kennel and dairy in the Home Park. They returned to Windsor by the Prince Consort's model farm. At one o'clock they partook of a capital lunch prepared by Mr. Piecroft, of the Castle Hotel, in true English style, to which they did ample justice. After which they proceeded through the Great Park by the Long Walk and Bishopsgate to Virginia Water, returning to Windsor by Cumberland Lodge.



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CALENDAR FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

SUNDAY, May 25.—Rogation Sunday.
MONDAY, 26.—St. Augustine died, 604.
TUESDAY, 27.—Trinity Term begins. Habeas Corpus Act passed, [1679.
WEDNESDAY, 28.—Freemasons Hall opened, 1776. New Moon,
THURSDAY, 29.—Ascension Day. [3h. 38m., p.m.
FRIDAY, 30.—Railway Accident at King's Cross Terminus, 1860.
SATURDAY, 31.—Dr. Chalmers died, 1847.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON-BRIDGE
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 31, 1862.

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THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE KEW OBSERVATORY OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Lat. 51° 28′ 6″ N.; Long. 0° 18′ 47″ W.; Height above sea, 34 feet.

DAY.	Daily Means of: Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	Thermometer: Minimum read at 10 A.M.	Maximum read at 10 P.M.	Wind: General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours.	Rain in 24 hours Read at 10 A.M.
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The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at half-past nine a.m.:—

Barometer (in inches) corrected	29·861	29·910	29·932	30.136	30·136	30·053	29·771
Temperature of Air	51·9°	48·9°	53·4°	59·2°	63·6°	65·3°	61·6°
Temperature of Evaporation..	47·4°	47·3°	52·1°	55·3°	57·3°	61·4°	55·4°
Direction of Wind	N.E.	NNE.	NNW.	WSW.	ENE.	W.	S.

THEATRE ROYAL, HAYMARKET.—Enormous success of Mr. Sothern as Lord Dundreary. Brother Sam's Letter nightly encored.—The new Ballet, in which the renowned Spanish Dancer, Perea Nena, will appear.—Monday, May 26, and during the Week, to commence at Seven with THE WOLF AND THE LAMB—Mr. Howe, Mr. Chippendale, Mr. W. Farren, Miss Oliver: after which, at Quarter to Eight precisely, 132nd time, OUR AMERICAN COUSIN—Mr. Buckstone, Mr. Sothern, Mrs. Charles Young, &c.; with a new Spanish Ballet, LA CONTRABANDISTA, by Senora Perea Nena, Ricardo Moragas, Fanny Wright, and the Corps de Ballet. New scenery and the new Music by Don Nicolas Manzant. Concluding with MY HUSBAND'S GHOST.

ROYAL LYCEUM THEATRE.—Sole Lessee and Manager, Mr. EDMUND FALCONER.—165, 166, 167, 168, 169, and 170th Nights of the continuous run of PEEP O' DAY.—On Monday and during the Week, to commence with PEEP O' DAY; or, Savourneen Deelish. After which, the new Musical, Pictorial, and Ballet Interlude, entitled KILLARNEY. To conclude with the Farce, I COULDN'T HELP IT.

ROYAL ST. JAMES'S THEATRE.—Manager Mr. GEORGE VINING. On MONDAY and during the Week, THE POOR NOBLEMAN, in which Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wigan will appear, and Miss Herbert; to conclude with the Extravaganza PRINCE AMABEL; the characters as before.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES MATHEWS AT HOME at Her Majesty's Concert-room, Haymarket, THIS DAY, SATURDAY, at Three, in an entirely new and original ENTERTAINMENT, written by H. J. Byron, Esq. Part I.—MY WIFE AND I. Part II.—A Romance of intense interest, yclept THE "SENSATION" FORK; or, The Maiden, the Maniac, and the Midnight Murderers, performed by a double company (two). Music by Mr. Charles Hall; Scenery by Mr. O'Connor. Every Evening (except Saturday) at Eight; Wednesday and Saturday Mornings at Three. Private Boxes, Stalls, and Places may be secured at the Box-office, from Ten till Five; at Mr. Mitchell's Royal Library, 33, Old Bond-street; at Austin's Ticket-office, St. James's Hall; and of all Booksellers. No charge for booking. W. CORBYN, Acting Manager.

MR. and Mrs. GERMAN REED, with Mr. JOHN PARRY, in their NEW ENTERTAINMENT, Every Evening (except Saturday) at Eight. Morning Representations, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at Three o'clock. Royal Gallery of Illustration, 14, Regent-street.

W. S. WOODIN'S CABINET OF CURIOSITIES. Newly-polished and Relined, POLYGRAPHIC HALL, King William-street, Charing-cross. Every Evening at Eight (except Saturday), Saturday Morning at Three, with new characters, music, songs, and dances. The scenic illustrations and effects entirely new, painted by and under the direction of Mr. William Callcott. Morning performance To-day, Saturday, May 17, at Three.

ROBIN'S SOIREES FANTASTIQUES, EGYPTIAN HALL, PICCADILLY. Magical Wonders every Evening at Eight (Saturday excepted). Morning Performances Wednesday and Saturday at Three. Admission, 1s., 2s., and 3s.

LESSON in MAGIC by WILJALBA FRIKELL, at the ST. JAMES'S HALL, Every Evening, at Eight (except Saturday); Saturday Afternoon, at Three.—By desire, between the first and second acts of Herr Frikell's Entertainment, Every Evening, he will give a Lesson in Magic and explain some of his popular tricks of sleight-of-hand. Stalls, 3s.; Area, 2s.; Gallery, 1s.

FRIKELL'S PRIZE TRICKS.—Herr WILJALBA FRIKELL will repeat his wonderful Tricks, "The Bowls of Fish" and "A Hat which produces Everything," in his Entertainment of Natural Magic, at the ST. JAMES'S HALL, Every Evening at Eight (except Saturday); Saturday Afternoons at Three. Stalls, 3s.; Area, 2s.; Gallery, 1s. Tickets at Chappell and Co.'s, 50, New Bond-street; and at Austin's, 28, Piccadilly.

POLYTECHNIC.—JAPAN.—WILSON'S GRAND PANORAMA, painted in Oil, by Japanese Artists, on 9000 feet of canvas, and showing with scrupulous fidelity the Costumes, Temples, Streets, Bridges, Scenery, and Rivers of the Japanese Empire. This unique and curious Panorama was painted secretly by native artists, who would, if discovered, have incurred the penalty of death, and is is exhibited Daily, at 1.30 and 5.30. Admission, 1s.

SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.—The Fifty-eighth Annual Exhibition is now Open at their GALLERY, 5, PALL-MALL EAST (close to the National Gallery), from Nine till Seven. Admittance, 1s. Catalogue, 6d. JOSEPH J. JENKINS, Secretary.

THE NEW SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.—The Twenty-eighth ANNUAL EXHIBITION of this Society is NOW OPEN at their GALLERY, 53, PALL-MALL (near St. James's Palace), from Nine till Dusk. Admission, 1s.; Catalogue, 6d.; Season Ticket, 5s. JAMES FAHEY, Secretary.

FRITH'S CELEBRATED PICTURE of "THE RAILWAY STATION" NOW ON VIEW Daily, from Eleven to Six o'Clock, at the FINE-ART GALLERY, 7, HAYMARKET, next door to the Haymarket Theatre. Admission 1s.

GERMAN GALLERY, 168, New Bond-street.—The ROYAL FAMILY of FRANCE, Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette, in the Prison of the Temple, 1793, painted by E. M. Ward, R.A., is NOW ON VIEW. Admission free on presentation of a private address card.

FRENCH GALLERY, 120, Pall-mall.—The NINTH ANNUAL EXHIBITION of PICTURES, the contributions of Artists of the French and Flemish School, is NOW OPEN. Admission, One Shilling; Catalogues, Sixpence; which will also admit to view Frith's celebrated Picture of THE DERBY DAY.

THE ARUNDEL SOCIETY.—The Exhibition of this Society's DRAWINGS and PUBLICATIONS is OPEN DAILY, at 24, OLD BOND-STREET, W. Admission Free. Prospectuses, &c., forwarded on application to the Assistant Secretary.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—OPENING of AMERICAN SHOW, FRIDAY NEXT, May 30. Admission, Half-a-Crown. Bands of 1st Life Guards and Royal Artillery commence at Three o'Clock. Visitors can pass under cover from the Exhibition or Garden Entrances to the Show.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, South Kensington.—Open at Nine o'Clock. Admission during next week:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, One Shilling; Friday (American Show), Half-a-Crown; Saturday (American Show), Five Shillings. Bands daily.

AMERICAN PLANTS.—HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. FRIDAY NEXT and following days.

ROYAL HORTICULTURAL GARDEN.—Admission THIS DAY, Five Shillings. Open at Nine o'Clock. Bands of Royal Horse Guards (vice 1st Life Guards) and Queen's Westminster Volunteers at Four o'Clock. Next Election of Fellows, May 28. American Plants, May 30 and following days.

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HANDEL FESTIVAL.—CRYSTAL PALACE.—MESSIAH, MONDAY, JUNE 23; SELECTION, WEDNESDAY, 25; ISRAEL IN EGYPT, FRIDAY, 27.

Vouchers issued for Stalls should be at once exchanged.

Persons desirous of securing Tickets should apply for them without delay, it being evident that as the period for the Festival approaches there will be great difficulty in securing Tickets in eligible positions.

Stalls, One and Two Guineas each, or in sets for the three days, also Half-Guinea Tickets, may be had at the Crystal Palace or at Exeter Hall. Country remittances to be made payable to George Grove.

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CRYSTAL PALACE.—Arrangements for the Week ending Saturday, May 31.

Open daily at Nine. Orchestral Band and Great Organ Performances, commencing at One o'Clock each day.

Thursday, GRAND ARCHERY MEETING, First Day. Dr. Kinkel's Eleventh Lecture on the Collections of Ancient Art in the Palace: Subject, "Roman Sculpture." In the Lecture Theatre.

Friday, Grand Archery Meeting, Last Day. Saturday, Concert.

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Admission, Saturday, Half-a-Crown; other days One Shilling; children, and schools of not less than twelve pupils, half-price. Season Tickets may now be had, One Guinea each, available till April 30, 1863.

Sunday, open at 1.30 to shareholders gratuitously by tickets.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—The FOURTH ANNUAL GRAND ARCHERY MEETING will take place in the grounds on THURSDAY and FRIDAY NEXT, MAY 29 and 30, when Cash Prizes amounting to £110, in addition to extra prizes, will be offered for competition.

The Ladies will shoot each four dozen arrows at 60 yards and two dozen at 50 yards each day.

The Gentlemen will shoot the National York Round—viz., six dozen arrows at 100 yards, four dozen at 80 yards, and two dozen at 60 yards each day.

They will assemble at the Targets at a Quarter before Eleven, and commence the 100-yards shooting at Eleven o'Clock precisely.

At Half-past One o'Clock there will be an interval for Luncheon, which will be provided in marquees on the ground.

At half-past Two the Ladies will commence the 60-yards and the Gentlemen the 80-yards shooting.

The Band of the Coldstream Guards will be in attendance on the Archery Ground both days.

Ladies and Gentlemen desirous of competing are requested to make immediate application to Mr. Aldred, Hon. Local Secretary, 124, Oxford-street, London; or to the Manager of the Meeting, Mr. N. Merridew, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

(By order) GEORGE GROVE, Secretary.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Mr. BENEDICT has the honour to announce his ANNUAL GRAND MORNING CONCERT on MONDAY, JUNE 30. The most eminent artists, both vocal and instrumental, have been secured on this occasion. The full programme will appear on Monday, June 2. Sofa and Balcony Stalls One Guinea each, for which an immediate application is solicited, to be had at the principal Musicsellers' and Librarians'; at Austin's Office, St. James's Hall; and of Mr. Benedict, 2, Manchester-square.

MUSICAL UNION.—TUESDAY, MAY 27, ST. JAMES'S HALL, Half-past Three. Quintet in A, Mozart; Trio, C minor, Mendelssohn; Quartet, B flat, No. 6, Beethoven. Solos, Violoncello and Piano. Artists: Laub (first time since 1858); Jaell (first time), Pianist to the King of Hanover; Piatti, Ries, Blagrove, and Lazarus. Visitors' Tickets, Half-a-Guinea each, to be had of Cramer and Co., Chappell and Co., Ollivier, Ashdown and Parry, and Austin at the Hall. J. ELLA, Director.

MDLLE. GEORGI will SING at Mr. CARDER'S GRAND CONCERT (BEAUMONT INSTITUTION), May 26.

MDLLE. GEORGI will SING at the HANOVER-SQUARE ROOMS, May 29. 48th MIDDLESEX CONCERT.

MDLLE. LOUISA VINNING begs to announce her MATINEE MUSICALE for WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst., at the HANOVER-SQUARE ROOMS, at Three o'clock. Vocalists—Mdlle. Louisa Vinning, Miss Ada Jackson, Mdlle. Laura Baxter, Miss Lascelles, Mr. Wilbye Cooper, Mr. Allan Irving, and Mr. Santley. Instrumentalists—Miss Jane Jackson, Pianoforte; M. Sainton, Violin; M. Paque, Violoncello; Mr. Aptommas, Harp. Conductors—Mr. Benedict, Mr. Geo. Lake, and Mr. Francesco Berger. Tickets may be had of Mdlle. Vinning, 13, Hanover-villas, Notting-hill; and of the Music Warehouses. Reserved Seats, 10s. 6d.; Unreserved, 7s. 6d.

MR. DEACON'S THIRD and LAST SEANCE of CLASSICAL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC will take place on MONDAY, MAY 26, at 16, GROSVENOR-STREET (by permission of Messrs. Collard), commencing at Three o'clock. Programme: Quartet in D, Mendelssohn; Sonata Pastorale, Beethoven; Pensées fugitives, Heller and Ernst; Sonata in E flat, violin and piano, Mozart; Berceuse, Schumann; and Lieder ohne Worte, Mendelssohn; Pianoforte Quintet in D, Spohr. Executants: M. Sainton, Messrs. Carrodus and H. Webb, Signor Pezze, and Mr. Deacon. Tickets Half-a-Guinea each; to admit Three, One Guinea. To be had of Mr. Ollivier, 19, Old Bond-street; or of Mr. Deacon, 72, Welbeck-street, Cavendish-square, W.

MISS FANNY CORFIELD begs to announce that her MORNING CONCERT will take place at 16, GROSVENOR-STREET (by kind permission of Messrs. Collard), on WEDNESDAY, May 28, at Half-past Three o'Clock. Vocalists: Mdme. Guerrabella and Miss Eleonora Wilkinson. Instrumentalists: Herr Molique, M. Paque, Miss Fanny Corfield. Conductor: Mr. A. O'Leary. Single Tickets, Half-a-Guinea; Family Tickets (to admit three), One Guinea. To be had of Miss F. Corfield, 29, Burton-street, Eaton-square; and of Cock, Hutchings, and Co., 63, New Bond-street.

MONDAY POPULAR CONCERTS.—The next Concert will take place on MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 2, at ST. JAMES'S HALL. Pianoforte, Herr Pauer; Violin, Herr Laub (his first appearance this season); Violoncello, Signor Piatti. Vocalists: Miss Banks and Mr. Sims Reeves. Conductor, Mr. Benedict. For full particulars see Programme. Sofa Stalls, 5s.; Balcony, 3s.; Admission, 1s. Tickets at Chappell and Co.'s, 50, New Bond-street.

WELSH NATIONAL MUSIC, Sung by 400 Voices, accompanied by a Band of Harps.—A Concert will be given by Mr. John Thomas (Pencerdd Gwalia), at ST. JAMES'S HALL, on FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 4. Full particulars will shortly be announced.—109, Great Portland-street.

MRS. JOHN HOLMAN ANDREWS has the honour to announce that she will give a MATINEE MUSICALE of Classical Chamber Music on FRIDAY, JUNE 20, and a SOIREE MUSICALE on WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, at her residence, 50, Bedford-square. Full particulars will be duly announced.

QUEEN'S CONCERT ROOMS, Hanover-square, S. THALBERG.—S. Thalberg has the honour to announce that, after a long absence, he will give a MATINEE at the above Rooms on MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1862. The only occasions on which S. Thalberg can possibly appear in London this season are limited to Four Matinées, which will take place as follows:—Monday, June 9; Monday, June 16; Saturday, June 28; Monday, July 7. The Matinées to commence at half-past Two o'Clock. S. Thalberg will present his last works, entitled "The Art of Singing applied to the Piano" and "Les Soirées de Pausilippe," consisting of twenty-four Pensées Musicales. Stall Subscription for the series, £3 3s.; Stall Tickets, 21s.; Unreserved Seats, 10s. 6d. Programmes, Stalls, and Tickets to be had at all the Libraries and Musicsellers; and of S. Thalberg, Secretary, Hanover-square Rooms.

MR. CHARLES HALLE'S BEETHOVEN RECITALS, at ST. JAMES'S HALL.—The Second Concert takes place on FRIDAY AFTERNOON NEXT, MAY 30, when Mr. Hallé will play the Sonatas Nos. 1, 2, and 3, of op. 10, and the Sonata Pathétique, op. 13. Vocalist—Miss Banks; Accompanyist—Mr. Harold Thomas. To commence at Three o'Clock precisely. Prices of admission:—Sofa Stalls, 10s. 6d.; Balcony, 7s.; Unreserved Seats, 3s. Tickets at Chappell and Co.'s, 50, New Bond-street; Cramer and Co.'s, 201, Regent-street; Keith, Prowse, and Co.'s, 48, Cheapside; and at Austin's, 28, Piccadilly.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Mr. W. G. CUSINS'S GRAND CONCERT, with Full Orchestral Chorus, THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 5. Artists—Mdme. Lemmens-Sherrington, Messrs. Sims Reeves and Santley, and the Orpheus Glee Union; Messrs. Joachim and Piatti, Professor Sterndale Bennett, Messrs. Harold Thomas and W. G. Cusins. Professor Sterndale Bennett's Exhibition Ode, under the composer's direction, and Auber's Grand Exhibition March, will be performed. Also a new MS. Overture, by Mr. W. G. Cusins; and Beethoven's Grand Concerto-Concertante, for Pianoforte, Violin, and Violoncello, with Orchestra. Stalls, 10s. 6d.; Tickets, 5s., 3s., 1s.; at the Hall, and the Music Warehouses. Stalls may be had of Mr. W. G. Cusins, 2A, Cavendish-street, Portland-place, W.

MR. HOWARD GLOVER respectfully announces that his GRAND MORNING CONCERT will take place at the ST. JAMES'S HALL on SATURDAY, JUNE 7, when the following Artists will appear:—Sopranos—Mdlle. Titiens (by permission of Mr. Mapleson), Mdme. Lemmens-Sherrington, Mdme. Guerrabella, Mdlle. Parepa, Miss Augusta Thomson, Mdme. Louisa Vinning, Miss Stabbach, Mdme. Florence Lancia, Mdme. Weiss, Miss Soadene (her first appearance in public), Miss E. Horder, Mdlle. Georgi, and Mdlle. Carlotta Marchisio. Contraltos—Mdme. Sainton-Dolby, Mdme. Laura Baxter, Miss Lucy Leffler, Miss Lascelles, and Mdlle. Barbara Marchisio. Tenors—Mr. Sims Reeves, Herr Reichardt, Mr. Swift, Mr. G. Perren, and Signor Giuglini (by permission of Mr. Mapleson). Baritones—Signor Belletti and Signor Renato. Basses—Mr. W. H. Weiss, Mr. Lewis Thomas, and Herr Formes. Violins—Herr Joachim, M. Sainton, and Herr Molique. Pianoforte—Mr. Charles Hallé, Mr. Aguilar, and Miss Anna Molique. Clarinet, Mr. Lazarus; horn, Mr. C. Harper; flute, Mr. Pratten; oboe, M. Lavigne; bassoon, M. Hausser. Conductors—Mr. Benedict, Mr. Land, Herr W. Ganz, Mr. G. Lake, Mr. Lindsay Sloper, Mr. F. Berger, and Mr. Howard Glover. Stalls, 10s. 6d.; Balcony, 5s. Tickets to be had of Mr. Howard Glover, 38, Alfred-place, Bedford-square; Messrs. Chappell, 50, New Bond-street; and Mr. Austin, at the Ticket-office, St. James's Hall.

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THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.

LONDON, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 1862.

BEYOND confirmation of all the intelligence which we published last week touching the successes of the North, there is not, while we write, much addition to the amount of American news. It is stated that the bombardment of the New Orleans forts had been severe and protracted; but the very small number of the killed and wounded comes, as usual, in ludicrous contrast to the story of the *feu d'enfer* that lasted six days. General M'Clellan had given evidence of higher strategical powers than those which help the American press to sensation headings of paragraphs; and the tactics which drove a strongly-posted enemy to inglorious retreat from behind fortifications that could have resisted

the attack of almost any army that could be brought against them will surely be more admired by real soldiers than any enormous bombardments which a sergeant of artillery would conduct. But such is not the view of the case in the North, and M'Clellan is now abused for having permitted the enemy to be frightened. He would appear to be following them up, and also to be directing operations likely to hem them in. The fall of Richmond was anticipated, with more reason than has gone to the concoction of most of the military prophecies. Unless Beauregard have adopted the system pursued at Yorktown, it is most probable that he and Halleck have met in a battle which promises ample horrors for the vulgar sensation-mongers. The idea that French and Russian mediation is at hand was still prevalent, and the organs of public opinion, knowing neither the facts nor the intentions of the Government, prudently write for and against such interposition, and, for the greater convenience of readers, include both lines of argument in the same article.

The defeat of the Dissenting interest and its adherents upon the church-rate question, and the deliberate declaration of the House of Commons that it is unjust to destroy the rate until a substitute is provided, have naturally produced a suspension of hostilities; but Mr. Estcourt feels that the initiative is now with the victors, though he unites with the men of most parties in urging that such a subject ought now to be taken up by the Government. Meantime, the secular Opposition continue to harass the Ministry, nearly defeating them on isolated items of expenditure, and, as on the Museum question, placing them in minorities in matters of second-rate importance. The leader of the Conservatives loses no opportunity of telling the nation that a change of Administration would introduce an Executive pledged to reduce the national outlay, and the Premier answers this by the taunting demand why such reduction was neither made when Lord Derby was in office nor attempted when the Estimates were in progress? There is no doubt that the Conservatives would willingly be led into action against the Government but for certain considerations, of which one may be the recollection that this Parliament was elected while the former were in office and had all the advantage of that condition, and that the absence of these in a dissolution might be found fatal; another consideration may be the conviction that the nation does not appreciate the foreign policy of Lord Malmesbury, or Mr. Disraeli's somewhat contrary doctrine that England ought to place herself in the hands of the Emperor of the French; and, thirdly, there is a more delicate influence acting to restrain the conflict of parties at a time when personal loyalty would gladly abstain from occasioning additional care in a quarter where the hand of affliction has been felt. But whether all these reasons will avail to stay "an ugly rush," should a practicable breach be announced, is a question for the prophet rather than for the journalist.

A mock desire for economy, rather than any convictions on the question, led to the defeat of the Ministers on the Museum Bill. A large sum of money was demanded for the new temple of natural science, and though Lord Palmerston and Mr. Gladstone showed that the sum was not comparatively great, the object considered, and that the Opposition plan would be far more costly, the opportunity for a blow was tempting. So some poor jokes about the size of whales and other obvious facetiæ were thrown in to flavour the debate, and then the Government sustained a defeat which they had done little to avert, for they took but 71 votes into the lobby against 163. The question is too interesting to be thus got rid of in party fashion; and the fact that invaluable antiquarian treasures are mouldering in cellars, in order that the British nurserymaid may have her military promenade in presence of dusty giraffes and varnished fishes, will commend itself to the attention of even the most determined stickler for the amusements of our gallant privates and their idols from our households. We may observe here, by-the-way, that Mr. Panizzi has begun a reform from within, and has intimated to all the boys who come to the reading-room for Ainsworth's Dictionary and Mr. Bohn's translations that, when their tickets are out, they will have to do their lessons at home, and leave the chairs to the students of literature. This we take to be a step towards another movement—the gradual recall of all the tickets, and a reissue upon other grounds than the fact that an applicant can obtain from a churchwarden a certificate of respectability.

Of fearful crime and frightful disaster at home our record will be found elsewhere. Abroad, the principal facts of interest are that the enthusiasm of the Italian people for their King is unabated, and that his progress is a triumph, and that even his son-in-law is welcomed as one who may be charged with an anti-Papal mission, though this is carefully disclaimed. Meantime, the Pope is gathering Bishops and Cardinals by the hundred to canonize the Japanese martyrs, and a proportionate effusion of devotion is expected; but why were not the Japanese Ambassadors invited to make the *amende honorable* by witnessing the ceremony? They are fond of theatricals. The Spanish General Prim has issued a declaration of his reasons for separating himself from the French movement in Mexico; but France seems resolved to make a sort of Algiers in the West, and certainly England can have no objection. But we shall be glad, at Mr. Seward's leisure, to know what he thinks of this annotation upon the Monroe doctrine of America for Americans. The antics of the Elector of Hesse Cassel may possibly be stopped by Prussia, if the Prussian Ministry, now utterly beaten and baffled by the progress of Liberalism at home, have time to attend to so small a potentate as the lady-beater in question. And this infinitesimal matter concludes the foreign chronicle of the week.

The Queen has appointed Andrew Archibald Paton, Esq., British Vice-Consul at Lubeck, to be her Majesty's Consul at Ragusa and the Bocca di Cattaro.

OUR COLOURED SUPPLEMENT.

WE trust we are right in assuming that the subjects of the Coloured Engravings accompanying our Impression of this week are the most timely and generally acceptable we could have offered. They are not only of interest to the immense number of persons who from some cause or other have not seen and will never possibly see the Exhibition building, but they will be mementoes to all of the second Great Exhibition—of 1862—which may, we hope, be referred to with pleasure. The Engravings are certainly, in point of art, among the very best we have succeeded in producing.

We need hardly say that the "Front View in Cromwell Road" represents the long line of the principal picture-galleries, above the basement. In this Engraving, in order to obtain a better point of view and get a glimpse of the dome, we have thrown the point of station a little within the line of houses facing the Exhibition. The "View from the Horticultural Gardens" is, of course, in every respect more picturesque, and would, indeed, present a very agreeable coup-d'œil were it not for the unsightly gable ends of the eastern and western transepts. Much of the lightness and pleasing effect of this side are due to the Italian arches, which extend round the three sides of the basement and afford to the visitors to the refreshment department a pleasant outlook over the gardens. In this view our artists have been enabled to obtain a rich variety of colour and good aërial effect.

THE COURT.

The Queen continues to enjoy the retirement of her Highland home. Her Majesty has made daily excursions in the neighbourhood of the Castle, always accompanied by Princess Alice. His Royal Highness Prince Leopold arrived at Balmoral on Saturday last from Osborne.

The Court will return from Scotland at the latter end of next week for the approaching marriage of Princess Alice, which is appointed to take place very privately at Osborne early in June.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The following telegram was received in London on Wednesday night:—

Constantinople, May 20.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales arrived here this afternoon. The Turkish fleet saluted and manned yards. The Grand Vizier and the Capitan Pacha immediately went on board the Prince's vessel. The Prince landed at the Imperial Palace, on the steps of which he was received by the Sultan. Court carriages and an escort were in waiting, and conveyed his Royal Highness to the British Embassy. The Sultan returned the Prince's visit within an hour.

PRINCE ARTHUR.

His Royal Highness landed at Penzance from her Majesty's steamer Vivid on Friday morning week, having arrived the previous evening from Plymouth on a visit to the Land's End, the celebrated Botallack and Levant copper-mines, and other points of interest in the far west. On his route he paid a flying visit to the Queen's Hotel, lately erected on the Esplanade at Penzance. Having lunched at Botallack, he returned on board the Vivid in the evening, intending to visit the Museum of the Geological Society of Cornwall, the tin-smelting establishment of Messrs. R. R. Mitchell and Co., and the Serpentine Stone Company's Works and the Penzance Museum on the next day.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duchess of Cambridge and Princess Mary, and the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz (who have returned from Kew to the Ambassadors' Court), dined with the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough on Tuesday, and with Earl and Countess Stanhope on Wednesday evening. Their Royal Highnesses attended the flower show at the Horticultural Gardens on Wednesday.

The Duke and Duchess D'Aumale had a large party on Saturday at Orleans House. Among the circle were the Duchess of Cambridge and Princess Mary, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Duke de Nemours, and the Prince de Joinville.

The Countess D'Apponyi will give her first ball at Chandos House on the 12th of June.

The Duke of Newcastle left Carlton House-terrace yesterday week for Clumber Park, for the assembling for eight days' duty of the Sherwood Rangers.

The Marchioness of Salisbury has issued cards for assemblies on the 2nd and 5th of June at the family residence in Arlington-street.

The Countess of Ellesmere had an assembly last evening (Friday) at Bridgwater House.

Viscountess Palmerston "received" on Saturday evening at Cambridge House, after a banquet given by the Premier to a distinguished circle of guests.

Lord and Lady Rokeby and the Hon. Miss Montagu have arrived at Montagu House from the Continent for the season.

Lady Charlotte Denison has issued cards for an assembly on Wednesday next at Westminster Palace.

The Lady Mayoress's ball will take place on Monday, the 16th of June.

CHURCH AND UNIVERSITIES.

On Tuesday the Convocation of the province of Canterbury was formally prorogued by the Bishop of London, under a commission from the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the 21st of August next.

The Bishop of London held a Confirmation at Christ's Hospital on Monday. His Lordship confirmed on Wednesday at Kensington parish church, and on Thursday at Trinity Church, Brompton.

The Church of Great Smeaton, a few miles from Northallerton, was in a disgraceful state of dilapidation, but through the untiring energies of the Rev. M. Anderson, the Rector, it has been completely restored, indeed almost rebuilt, and yesterday week was opened for Divine service.

The congregation of St. Paul, Manningham, Bradford, Yorkshire, have presented the Rev. C. C. Hill with a timepiece and pocket communion service; and the Sunday-school teachers with an inkstand. The congregation presented Mrs. Hill with a photographic album. A purse of thirty-five sovereigns has been presented by his parishioners to the Rev. R. N. Duguid Brown, Incumbent of St. James's, Bermondsey.

PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.—The Rev. W. B. Lauder, LL.D., of Trinity College, Dublin, to be Archdeacon of Ontario; Rev. G. W. B. Wills, Rector of St. Leonard, Devon, to be Rural Dean for the Deanery of Christianity, Exeter; Rev. W. Gillmor to be Surrogate for the Diocese of Ripon. *Rectories:* The Rev. R. Cooper to Cossington, Somerset; Rev. P. P. Gwyn to Little Brandon, Norfolk; Rev. D. Jones to Slaibarn, Yorkshire; Rev. W. W. Kirby to St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London; Rev. C. J. Lucas to Burgh St. Margaret and St. Mary, and of Billockby, Norfolk; Rev. W. H. Oliver to Stapleford, Herts; Rev. J. M. Weir to Pilham. *Vicarages:* The Rev. T. Burke to Appledore, Kent; Rev. W. Hutchinson to Howden, Yorkshire; Rev. H. V. Pickering to Brandestone, Suffolk. *Chaplaincies:* The Rev. B. Ring to H.M.S. Hagne; Rev. C. E. S. Wesimer to the County Prison, Maidstone. *Incumbency:* The Rev. E. Pisey to St. George, Islington. *Perpetual Curacies:* The Rev. J. Coombes to Portwood, Stockport; Rev. H. D. De Brisay to Tettenhall, Staffordshire; Rev. G. L. Little to Bulldwas, Salop; Rev. H. Pulley to Martin, Salop; Rev. J. M. Ward to St. Stephen, Islington. *Curacies:* The Rev. G. Lowe to Great Dunmow, Essex; Rev. W. Purton to Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset; Rev. J. Raven to St. Thomas's, Pendleton.—*Guardian.*

The State apartments of Windsor Castle will be closed after Friday next, the 30th instant, until further orders.

A new tomb was on Wednesday erected over the grave of the author of "The Pilgrim's Progress" in Bunhill-fields burial-ground, City-road. The requisite funds for this memorial have been raised by public subscription, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Shaftesbury. The length of the tomb is about seven feet and the height rather over four feet. On the top, in a reclining posture, with book in hand, is the carved effigy of John Bunyan in stone, with the head resting on a pillow, the length of the figure being five feet eight inches. On the north side, in relief, is a stone panel representing Christian starting on his pilgrimage, with the burden on his back; and on the south side Christian is represented as in the act of reaching the cross, and the burden falling from his shoulders. At the east end of the tomb is the following inscription, engraved on a portion of the old stone:—"John Bunyan, author of 'The Pilgrim's Progress;' ob. 31st August, 1688; æt. 60." The slab at the opposite end records the fact of the restoration of the work by public subscription, May, 1862.

METROPOLITAN NEWS.

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain held a conversazione at their rooms, 17, Bloomsbury-square, on Tuesday. It was numerously attended, and all the arrangements were excellent.

The Caledonian fancy dress ball for this year has been fixed to take place on Monday, the 23rd of June, under the same distinguished patronage as in former years.

An extraordinary robbery of diamonds has been committed in Regent-street. Two men went to the shop of Mr. Mendel, and, having chosen diamonds worth £175, produced a box in which they were supposed to be placed. The box was then left with Mr. Mendel until the next day, when the men were to call and pay for the jewels. Suspicions were, however, aroused, and on opening the box it was found that pebbles had been substituted.

Prizes were presented to the more proficient students in attendance upon the evening classes connected with King's College yesterday week in the college hall, in the presence of a large concourse of visitors interested in the education of the young men, who are engaged in the public offices and principal City firms. The Lord Bishop of Winchester presided.

Last week the births of 1870 children—938 boys and 932 girls—were registered in London. In the ten corresponding weeks of the years 1852-61 the average number (corrected) was 1836.——The deaths in London in the week that ended last Saturday were 1125, the number in the preceding week having been 1249. The average number of deaths, as obtained from the returns of corresponding weeks in ten previous years—1852-61—and corrected for increase of population, is 1195.

The Royal awards for the "encouragement of geographical science and discovery" will be presented on Monday next by the President of the Royal Geographical Society, Lord Ashburton, at Burlington House. The Duke of Newcastle will receive the founder's gold medal, on behalf of the late Richard O'Hara Burke, for his expedition across Australia, and also a gold watch for Mr. John King, the only survivor of Burke's expedition. Captain Thomas Blakiston, R.A., will then receive the patron's gold medal for his survey of the Yang-tze-kiang. The President will then deliver his annual address on the progress of geography. The chair at the dinner at Willis's Rooms will be taken by the President elect, Sir Roderick I. Murchison.

The Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital have taken steps to provide for the patients in the interval between their leaving the present hospital and obtaining another. The governors have still some available ground of their own in St. Thomas-street, Borough, and there they are about to erect a temporary receiving-house for the patients in the neighbourhood. It will contain one hundred beds, which will prove available to but a small percentage of the present inmates. Probably only those who are hurt by the numerous accidents that occur by the river banks will be received there. The site for the new hospital, we believe, is not yet determined on.

A conference of the delegates and friends of Parliamentary reform took place on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Whittington Club. Among those present were Messrs. Baines, Bazley, Taylor, Crossley, Forster, Pease, and Cox, members of Parliament, and a large number of delegates from various Reform Associations throughout the country. Mr. George Wilson, of Manchester, of Manchester, was elected chairman of the meeting. The conference submits to the country the following programme as a basis of union:—"That an extension of the franchise be demanded which will confer the franchise in boroughs upon every male person, householder or lodger, rated, or liable to be rated, for the relief of the poor, together with a more equitable distribution of seats, vote by ballot, and a limitation of the duration of Parliament to three years."

On Wednesday morning, between one and two o'clock, a fire broke out on the premises of Mr. Joel, stationer, Fore-street, Cripplegate. The fire-escape was instantly on the spot. Conductor Brigg entered the third-floor window, where he found Annette Joel, aged twenty-two years, and conveyed her to the window-sill, when she suddenly sprang out and fell to the ground, and in the descent knocked the conductor off his machine. Fortunately his leg got entwined in the spoke of the ladder, and was the means of saving his life. Miss Joel was conveyed to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, but remains without the slightest hope of recovery. The conductor the second time endeavoured to enter, but was beaten back by the flames. The house was entirely gutted, and the adjoining premises considerably damaged. As soon as the ruins were sufficiently cooled the firemen went in, and found Mrs. Joel, aged sixty-two, with the servant, aged twenty-four, burnt to death on the second floor, and Mr. Samuel Joel, aged twenty-seven years, under the stairs in the shop.

The first grand flower show of the Royal Horticultural Society for the season took place on Wednesday at the society's gardens, when, notwithstanding the rain, the tents were thronged with a distinguished company, amongst whom were the Duchess of Cambridge, Princess Mary, and the Duke of Cambridge. The roses were of extraordinary beauty and fragrance. The azaleas, rhododendrons, pelargoniums, stove plants, and orchids were also of splendid quality, and were much admired. The heaths were not, perhaps, quite so good as they have been seen in former days at Chiswick, where the Cape heath was a more favourite flower than at the present day. Amongst the objects which attracted most attention was a fine collection of young Japanese plants collected by Mr. J. G. Veitch, and also some magnificent specimens of Japanese woods, highly polished, and strikingly adapted for ornamental marqueterie. In the second tent a magnificent collection of American plants, which are now just breaking into bloom, arrested the attention of the majority of the company. A noticeable feature in the day's arrangements was the laying out, in compartments, of a portion of the arcade for flowers grown as in a conservatory. The prize for taste in arrangement and beauty of plants was awarded to Mr. Charles Turner, of Slough. Lady Dorothy Nevill's prizes for floral drawing-room decorations were competed for in the conservatory, and the first prize was awarded to the Misses Marsh; the second to Mrs. J. H. Lormitte.

THE MAY MEETINGS.

The supporters of the Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows held their third triennial festival on Wednesday at the Freemasons' Tavern—the Duke of Cambridge in the chair. The subscriptions for the evening amounted to £420. This institution continues year by year to obtain favour with the public: forty-eight widows are in receipt of its benefits.

The Sons of the Clergy Society celebrated their 208th anniversary on Wednesday afternoon under the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, with a full choral service, in which the choirs of her Majesty's Chapel Royal, St. Paul's, Westminster Abbey, and St. George's Chapel, Windsor, in all about 250 voices, assisted. The Lord Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and Common Councilmen attended in state. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Anthony William Thorold, M.A. The principal supporters of the charity subsequently assembled in the magnificent hall of the Merchant Taylors' Corporation (kindly lent for the occasion), where dinner was provided under the able superintendence of Messrs. Chater, of Bishopsgate-street. Covers were laid for 399. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor was in the chair. In the course of the evening subscriptions to the amount of £2701 were announced, inclusive of the collection in the morning at the doors of the cathedral. The Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy has been in active co-operation for upwards of two centuries, and now annually assists by pensions and donations about 1250 persons, clergymen, their widows, aged single daughters, and children. During last year £17,000 was distributed.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the friends and supporters of the Colonial Missionary Society was held on Monday evening in the Poultry Chapel—Mr. E. Ball, M.P., in the chair. The report stated that at present more than 160 congregational missionaries are faithfully preaching the gospel of Christ in fourteen British colonies to many thousands of communicants.

The annual meeting of the friends and patrons of the United British Army Scripture-readers and Soldiers' Friend Society was held on Thursday week at Willis's Rooms. The Earl of Shaftesbury presided. This society employs sixty-one scripture-readers. The income of the past year was £10,363, and the expenditure £9105.

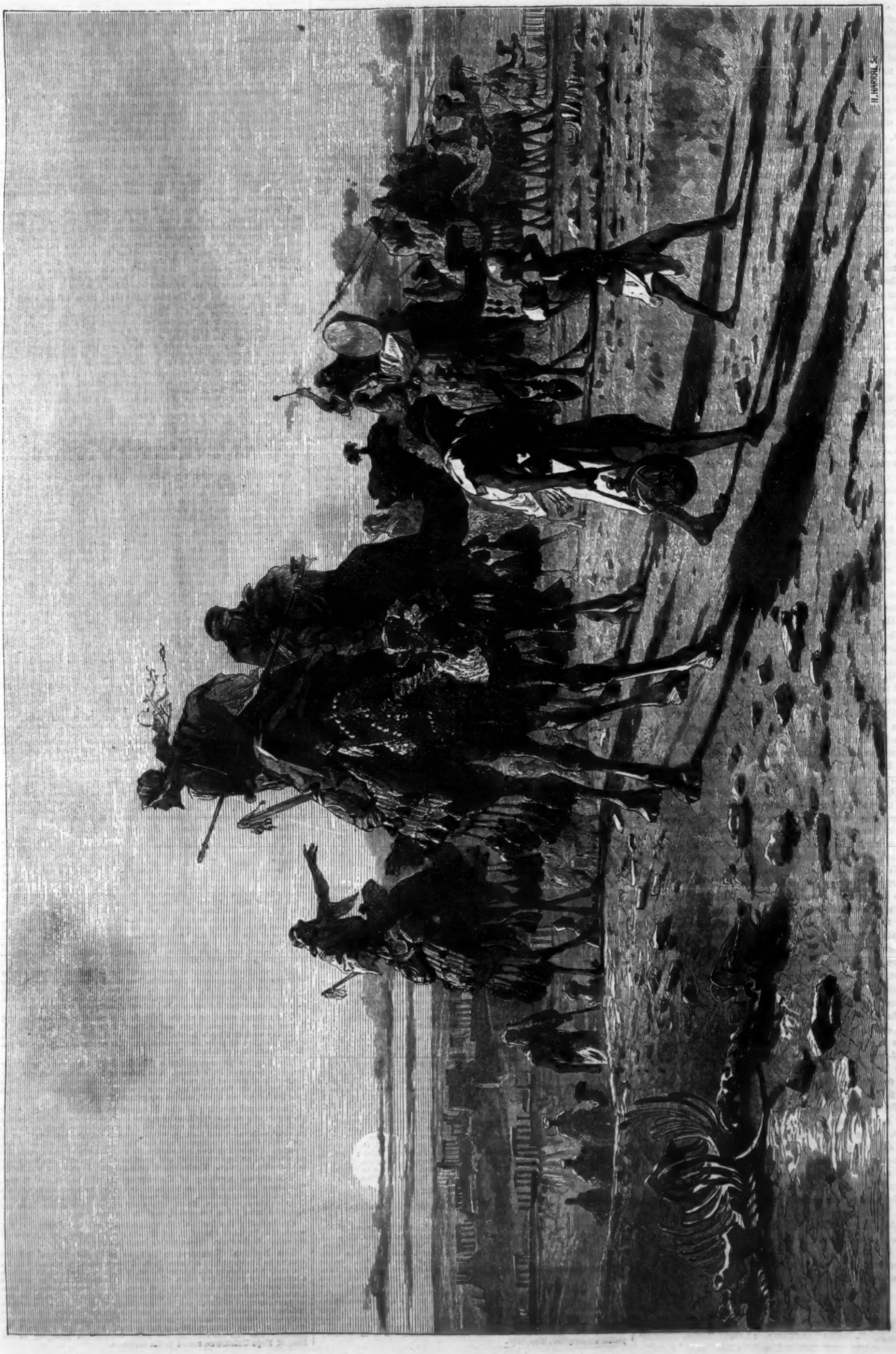
The London Diocesan Home Mission held its annual meeting yesterday week at Willis's Rooms. The Bishop of London presided. During the months of summer last year the missionaries had addressed from 14,000 to 16,000 people, and the results had been of the most gratifying character. Last year the income was £1983, and the expenditure £2428.

The annual meeting of the Missions to Seamen Society took place yesterday week at the Hanover-square Rooms—the Earl of Shaftesbury in the chair. The society has twelve chaplains and twelve scripture-readers provided with vessels and boats, to enable them to visit the different fleets in the Bristol Channel, the Mersey, and the Thames, as also on many foreign stations. The society does not confine its operations to British seamen, but seamen of all nations are visited and provided with the Scriptures and tracts in their own language. The income of the society for the past year was £5000.

The annual meeting of the supporters of the Sailors' Home, Well-street, London Docks, was held in its museum on Thursday week. Captain the Hon. F. Maude presided. The income of the Home for the year had been £10,112; the expenditure, £8846. The number of boarders at the Home had been 8746, being 130 in excess of those of the previous year.

On Tuesday the forty-sixth anniversary of the Peace Society was held at Finsbury Chapel, Moorfields—Joseph Pease, Esq., the president of the society, in the chair. There was a numerous audience.

The National Temperance League held its annual public meeting on Tuesday night at Exeter Hall. There was a numerous attendance. The chair was taken by Mr. Edward Baines, M.P., who stated that he had been a teetotaler for twenty-five years. The report entered fully into the exertions which had been made during the past year. Many new societies had been formed, and old ones rescuscitated, throughout the country. The income for the year amounted to £2338, and the expenditure to £2354, the subscriptions and donations being nearly double the amount received during the previous year.——On the same evening the seventh annual meeting of the supporters of the Band of Hope Union was held at Exeter Hall. Mr. Samuel Gurney, M.P., presided. The hall was crowded, and about 700 children belonging to the Band of Hope Union were seated in the orchestra.



"A DEPARTURE FROM PALMYRA," BY CARL HAAG, IN THE EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS

"INTERIOR OF THE DOM, LÜBECK," BY SAMUEL READ, IN THE EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS.

WE have already given the meed of praise due to Mr. Read's excellent and (what is not always the case in such works) trustworthy drawings in our review of the above exhibition. Among other interesting foreign church interiors by this gentleman exhibited at Pall-mall the "Interior of the Dom, or the Cathedral, of Lübeck" has the recommendation to many, even old, Continental travellers of unfamiliarity. For full four centuries, from 1260 to 1669, the Free Hanse town and seaport of Lübeck maintained the proud position of being at the head of the great Hanseatic League and "the Carthage of the North." After the dissolution of the League her importance declined, war came to desolate her, commerce found new channels, and now grass grows in her streets, her houses are uninhabited, and rats form the only congregation in some of her churches. Lübeck is, nevertheless, one of the most picturesque old towns in Germany, and deserves more attention than is usually given to it by travellers. The brick-built Dom still witnesses to the former importance of the Imperial free city, its side chapels containing the monuments of many of the patrician families of Lübeck, and the choir tombs of numerous Bishops and Canons. The portraits of two of the old burgesses hang on the flanking walls in our Engraving. The rood-loft between these is very interesting, with its elaborately-carved crucifix, kneeling effigies of the patron and patroness, and numerous other images, of various size, of saints, and canonised sinners too, probably, some of them. The screen of the choir is considered one of the best existing specimens of wood-carving of the Early German school, about the time of Lucas Cranach. In a side chapel is the finest work of art in Lübeck—an altarpiece, with wings and two sets of shutters, by Memling. The pictures of "The Passions" on the triptych itself are, there is little doubt, one of the finest works of that early Flemish master.

"A DEPARTURE FROM PALMYRA."

PAINTED BY CARL HAAG.

WE have rarely seen a drawing so small as that we have engraved so full of life, character, and *couleur locale*. We seem to be actually present amid all the bustle, excitement, shouting, and tom-tom playing of the Arab caravan as it starts on its journey in the cool night from the halting-place among the colossal columns and gigantic ruins of the great city of the desert, behind which we see the sun sinking in unclouded splendour. The camels, with their well-stocked and well-balanced panniers, gaily caparisoned and heavily betasselled, seem to share the general excitement as they toss about their very queer but very sagacious-looking heads and sniff the cooling evening air. The foremost mounted Arab with the long nargileh, giving directions to the Nubian behind and preceded by the black boy and a water-carrier,

also provided with a pipe, appears to be the chief of the tribe or party. A woman, his wife, probably, and her child are mounted on another camel. Her face is masked by the bourkh or face-veil worn in the East. The remainder of the cavalcade—or should we not coin the word "camelcade"—armed with long lances, are doing something like what the volunteers would call the "left-extend," while the "supports" bring up the rear.

SKETCHES IN PARLIAMENT.

On the supposition that there is imminent a grand Parliamentary, and it is hoped in some quarters political, drama, there have been at least two rehearsals of the business of the scene in the last few days. As many of the performers have not been used to act together, this has been the more necessary; and, as is to be presumed, the second essay was better than the first, inasmuch as the dénouement was achieved on broad and decided features, whereas in the first instance it was scarcely, if indeed at all, brought out. To drop metaphor, the new coalition, which it is said is composed of Mr. Disraeli and such of his immediate colleagues and his party who can be got to follow him, and the so-called independent Liberal members—independent in the sense of each man doing just as seems good to him, and, of course, always making a mess of it—have tried on two special occasions how they could work together in the process of putting the Ministry into a minority. The first essay was on a vote on the Estimates of £90,000 for fortifications at Alderney, and its rejection was moved by an arid, high-dried, sapless member for a Scotch borough. The taxpayers of this country are said to be getting impatient of the imposts which they have to bear; but we will engage that if all the places available for strangers in the House were filled by the most groaning of them and they heard a speech from this same member they would willingly compound for allowing £90,000 to remain on the Estimates rather than be compelled to go through such an infliction as that a second time. However that may be, the debate proceeded with the tendency we have alluded to—namely, that of a run against Ministers, and the completeness of the rehearsal was nearly reached at the division, which gave the Government only a majority of eight. It was stated that Mr. Disraeli, who went out, of course, with his new allies for the first time, perhaps, in his Parliamentary life, exhibited emotion in his countenance when he saw Mr. Walpole and Mr. Henley, and many of the Conservative party who agree with them better than with him, falling away from him and going over bodily to the Government. Notably amongst these was an Irish member who, belonging to the legal profession, is, of course, we will not say waiting, but ready for anything that may turn up in his way, and who one evening during a previous division was seen walking up the House by the side of Lord Palmerston, and executing a series of grand sweeping bows, in which every part of his person, and his hat particularly, partakes, while the wily Premier was evidently saying something complimentary, which was not the less effective because it was jocular and tinged with that tactical familiarity which goes exactly as far as it ought and no farther for which he is famous.

The next preliminary exercise of the new-born allied forces was well managed. Early in the evening, when the Budget Bill was brought on in its last stage, and when every one was in an attitude of ease and unrestraint and expecting nothing, suddenly up rose the leader of the Opposition, like "Monsieur Tonson come again," and declared that he must lecture on finance for the third time. In a moment it was seen why, for he commenced by a sort of apology to those of his party who had left him in the lurch on a former occasion, and tried to reassure them as to the necessity of having to seek another chief. Then, having addressed himself practically and from the fact-and-figure point of view, to his proximate adherents, or rather those to whom he is said to be about to adhere on a dangerous motion on the 3rd of June, he concluded by giving a bit of advice in the most careless and subdued manner, just as if he meant it to escape the ears of his Radical allies, but which, being duly recorded, would serve his purpose for a shuffle with the recalcitrant of his own followers thereafter, to the effect that it was much better and even more practical to continue to gird at the Government, and to pound the House with financial lectures, rather than to bring on abstract motions, from which, after ponderous debate, a Ministry could slip away by simply agreeing to its principle. In fact, it was as crafty and subtle a proceeding to make this speech as could have been conceived in the brain of the man who once drew an Asiatic character, whose chief aim and object were political dodges, and which people said must have resulted from one of the few instances that have occurred of self-knowledge, inasmuch as it was an excellent sketch of himself. One of the intents of this speech was not perceived till afterwards, when, with bated breath and humbleness of style most unusual with him, Mr. Gladstone proposed to a House which was redolent of indignation against public expenditure, and which was at this very time puffing itself into a very rage about the immensity of taxation, a plan for an alteration in the disposition of the national collection in the British Museum which involved an immediate outlay of something approaching a million, and a proximate addition of £500,000 more at the least. Perhaps, too, the House discovered what some observers outside have not failed to do, that this was an attempt to carry out a scheme which failed some years ago, to make South Kensington the abiding-place of all our collections of art, science, and natural history; and it needed no aid from a ghost-invoking medium to enable one to see how easily some day not too far hence it would seem suddenly to occur to official minds that there was absolutely a building erected on the very spot that was indicated, and which would be quite vacant at the end of next October, when the International Exhibition closed, and which would be just the thing required. For is it not admitted that, though of a temporary character in some of its parts, it was so designed as, if necessary, to be made permanent? In fact, that a building over which foreigners are laughing and Englishmen groaning was to be preserved and handed over to the nation for a consideration—an idea that, of course, never entered the remotest corner of the brains of its originators. A combination of irritant causes rendered the debate boisterous, and its heat may be judged of by the circumstance that one rough-and-tumble orator actually committed the Parliamentary solecism of swearing in plain English without receiving any check from the chair; although, to be sure, the speaker being Mr. Bernal Osborne, and his language being generally, if not always, far out of the bounds of established uses and customs, it was probably not observed, its distinctiveness from the rest of the sentence not being so remarkable as it would have been in any other person. When the division came, Mr. Disraeli (who, it may be parenthetically mentioned, had earlier in the evening been emphatically accepted by Mr. White as a Minister whom he would support in financial matters, but must oppose in foreign policy—a difficulty out of which we leave the member for Brighton to get himself when Mr. Disraeli is on the Treasury bench) had the satisfaction of hearing Mr. Henley proclaim a temporary severance of the twinhood which exists between him and Mr. Walpole (who, as a trustee of the British Museum, supported the motion by speech and vote), and finally beheld the Government beaten on a division by quite two to one. Henceforth, and unless they can win by ever so few votes on the distinct indictment which is impending, sufferance is their badge.

To descend from the somewhat portentous and serious incidents of the last week to lighter because more personal matter, one cannot resist referring to an episode, an adequate idea of which one despairs to convey, but which to those who witnessed it was most amusing. Some knightly personage, it seems, had got a grievance about the chairmanship of some body which was to improve another body, which had undertaken to improve, but had only made a mess, financial and material, of Westminster; and, of course, he got his case brought before the House. Well, the author of the grievance was the Chief Commissioner of Works, whose unhappy fate it is so to act in his official capacity as to be for ever standing on his defence before a number of teasing members in Parliament assembled. On this occasion he seemed to have put his foot into difficulty deeper than usual, and he had to encounter a more than ordinary share of those jeers and that baiting which have been his portion since he held his present office; and this time, being rather in a pet, he unhappily said that if gentlemen supposed he intended to do a certain thing they must "give him credit for being one of the greatest fools that ever lived." Upon which there rang out such a spontaneous burst of assenting cheers that even his complacency and self-sustainment, which are not small, gave way, and he looked blank amazement. When he had concluded up rose Mr. Tite, who is famous as being the only product of that great Administrative Reform Association which blazed up for a few weeks some years ago and then sunk out, leaving but one ember behind, in the shape of the return of one of their body for the city of Bath on the principles of the society. This gentleman, it seems, was the instrument of the wrong done to Sir Something Somebody, and it did one's heart good to witness the pure indignation, lying too deep for violent expression and only appearing outwardly in a manner which may be likened to the blushing indications of tenderness which a young girl seeks to hide from her lover, with which the member for Bath inquired whether it was probable that he, "a man of taste," nay, better, "an honest man" (we are not sure that he did not say "who had had losses, two coats, and everything handsome about him"), and who was chairman of sixteen working bodies already, would sell his independence for a very doubtful, indeed, hundred pounds a year for three years? Proh pudor! What an accusation! But this part of the scene, though it may be imagined very touching, was far exceeded by another outburst of feeling. The assailed Commissioner of Works, Mr. William Cowper, as every one knows, is Lord Palmerston's son-in-law, and with a very pardonable ambition he seems to have made it his study to acquire as much of the manner and style of the Premier as his less vigorous nature will admit, and he has succeeded in transforming himself into a very watery-colour sketch of the original. It is also observable that the First Minister, probably conscious of the Icarian flights of his relative by marriage, is very watchful of him, and is generally ready to catch him if his waxen wings should melt. On this occasion, however, Lord Palmerston came out just as mothers of weak-witted children do when the infallibility of their young one is questioned; and not Betty Foy herself could have scolded more loudly and heartily any one who had flouted her boy than he did the assailants of the mull-making Commissioner of Works. In fact, it is believed that this was one of the very few occasions in which his Lordship has lost his temper in the House. It is to be doubted whether an adverse division early next month will ruffle him so much.

Everybody has heard and everybody has discussed the strange, not to say absurd, and certainly undignified, episode of the challenge to a shooting-match alleged to have been sent by the Commons to the Lords, and which, as most people think, somewhat scandalously employed a brief space in the discussions of both Houses last week. There is no necessity to refer to it further than just to say that its origin was peculiar, and shows the danger of a man, not to say an official, getting out of his allotted groove, either natural or factitious. The whole business, with its attendant awkwardness and depreciation of the decorum of both branches of the Legislature, arose out of the fact that the Speaker, in a moment of haste and indiscretion, strayed out of his line——he made a joke!

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—MONDAY.

The Register of Voters Bill was read a third time and passed.

The House was mainly occupied in endeavouring to prevent the repetition of such an affair as that of a week ago, when the Bishop of Winchester got into the wrong lobby on a division. Ultimately a motion was carried by which the practice of the House of Lords and the House of Commons in such cases will be more nearly assimilated.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—MONDAY.

The SPEAKER announced that the petition against the return of Major O'Reilly for the county of Longford had been withdrawn.

A new writ was issued for Kidderminster, Mr. Bristow having resigned.

The House went into Committee of Supply *pro formâ*.

CHURCH RATES.—Mr. SOTHERON-ESTCOURT, in reply to Sir J. Trelawny, said that, unless the Government took up the question of church rates, he would on Friday give notice of a motion on the subject.

BRITISH MUSEUM.—The bill for dispersing the collections in the British Museum came under discussion on the motion for its second reading. The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER gave explanations of its object, and subsequently it was opposed by Mr. Gregory and other speakers, and finally defeated by 163 votes to 71.

CUSTOMS AND INLAND REVENUE BILL.

On the third reading of this bill Mr. DISRAELI again called attention to the state of the finances of the country, and criticised the public expenditure in an elaborate speech. He contrasted the naval and military expenditure of this year with that of 1858, and showed that, after making certain allowances, it was proposed this year to spend £5,000,000 more on those services than in the former year. He denounced this as unnecessary, and as being based on an unjust jealousy of France. He gave some information respecting the explanations which had been made by the Emperor in 1858 to the Derby Government as to his reasons for reconstructing his navy.

Lord PALMERSTON said there was now in the United Kingdom a smaller force of troops than Mr. Disraeli and his friends thought necessary for its defence. As to the naval expenditure, a member of Lord Derby's Government was responsible for the initiation and the pressing of the expenditure connected with the reconstruction of our Navy, so as to place us on an equality with France in iron ships, which was not yet done. As to his not objecting to the increase of the French navy, that could not be the subject of international remonstrance, and France had a right to judge of her own naval requirements; but it was necessary, without anticipating hostilities with France, we should be not only equal but superior, to her on the sea. There was no expectation of France being our enemy, provided we were always in a situation to defend ourselves. It was because he wished that there should be peace and a cordial alliance with France that he desired that there should be no temptation to break it by any exhibition of weakness in this country. France had at sea or building thirty-six iron ships, while we had only twenty-five; so that in this respect she was ahead of us by eleven.

A discussion followed, which mainly turned on details of the bill, and in which Mr. White promised his support to Mr. Disraeli as an economical Minister.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—TUESDAY.

THE SLAVE TRADE.—Earl RUSSELL laid on the table the convention with the Government of the United States for the suppression of the slave trade. He said that that Government had shown very great anxiety to adopt stringent measures for carrying out the object in view.—The Bishop of Oxford, Earl Stanhope, and Earl Grey, all expressed their gratification at the announcement thus made.—In reply to Earl Stanhope, Earl RUSSELL said the convention was to have effect for ten years, and was renewable at the expiration of that time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—TUESDAY.

LUNACY.—Sir G. GREY moved the second reading of the Lord Chancellor's Lunacy Regulation Bill. The bill was a good deal criticised by several speakers, and amendments were suggested for consideration in Committee. The second reading was agreed to.

BRITISH FISHING-BOATS.—Mr. BENTINCK brought forward the grievances of the fishermen on the south coast in connection with the enforcing by the French Government of the Fishery Convention of 1843, and moved for papers. He charged the French Government with having acted harshly and unjustly.—Mr. LAYARD said that negotiations were going on between the two Governments for the procuring of better arrangements on the subject. The motion was then withdrawn.

MISCELLANEOUS.—In answer to Sir M. Farquhar, Sir C. WOOD said there was no truth in the report that a Persian force was moving on Herat. The Public-houses (Scotland) Bill was recommitted, and various amendments agreed to. The Landed Property Improvement (Ireland) Acts Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed. The Crown Private Estates Bill, and the Universities (Scotland) Act Amendment (No. 2) Bill, were respectively read a second time. The Oxford University Bill passed through Committee. Mr. Scholefield obtained leave to bring in a bill for the amendment of the Law of Partnership. The order for the second reading of the Savings Banks Bill was discharged, and the bill withdrawn.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—WEDNESDAY.

A bill, the object of which is to repeal a clause in the Tippling Act by which dealers in spirits are prevented from suing for the value of any spirits they may send out to persons on credit, was, after considerable discussion, read a second time.

The Judgments Law Amendment (Ireland) Bill; the Debentures on Land (Ireland) Bill, the object of which is to enable purchasers of land in the Landed Estates Court to raise money upon it by debenture to half the value of the rental; and the Land Debentures (Ireland) Bill, were read a second time and referred to a Select Committee.

The Industrial and Provident Societies Bill passed through Committee *pro formâ*, in order that certain amendments might be introduced into its clauses.

The Local Government Supplemental Bill also passed through Committee.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—THURSDAY.

COPYRIGHT IN WORKS OF ART.—Earl GRANVILLE moved the second reading of this bill, the main object of which was to enable copyrights in these works to pass over to purchasers by a contract in writing.—Earl STANHOPE expressed his cordial approval of the measure.—Lord OVERSTONE objected to conferring a monopoly upon artists at the expense of the public.—The LORD CHANCELLOR thought the measure would remove a great blot from our legislation, and confer a benefit alike upon artists and the public.—The bill was read a second time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—THURSDAY.

THE CHURCH-RATE QUESTION.—Lord PALMERSTON, in reply to Sir J. Pakington, stated that the Government had no intention to propose any measure this Session for the settlement of the church-rate question.

THE INUNDATIONS OF THE FENS.—Mr. FELLOWES, in reply to Mr. Bentinck, described the nature and extent of the inundations in the fen country, from which it appeared that about 5000 or 6000 acres of land were under water to the depth of two or three feet. The Middle-Level commissioners, of which he was chairman, had acted with great promptitude; and, as soon as the misfortune came to their knowledge, had adopted all necessary measures to remedy the disaster and keep back the waters

EDUCATION IN IRELAND.—On the order of the day for going into Committee of Supply, The O'CONOR DON called attention to the state of national education in Ireland. The hon. member reviewed the history of the system, and the results obtained, in a practical point of view, from the establishment of the Queen's Colleges in that country, and contended that the national system had proved a failure.—Sir R. PEEL denied that the national system was a failure, and referred to the returns made from time to time to prove the contrary. He characterised the views adopted by the O'Conor Don as most fallacious. During the last seven years there had been a greater number of students in the Queen's Colleges than in the other colleges of Ireland. They had attained an influence in the country which was as surprising as gratifying. He considered that the system had proved eminently successful, and he gave it his honest and unqualified support.—The debate was continued for a considerable portion of the evening, and was confined almost exclusively to the members for Ireland.

Several other questions having been disposed of, the House went into Committee of Supply.

THE FARM.

THE announcement that the Cotswold men were about to give effect to their "Caucus" at Cirencester by coming up fifty strong, under Mr. Beale Brown, to Hanover-square added no little zest to the general meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society on Thursday. The two rooms were nearly filled; and the gentleman who urged in his speech the necessity of devoting part of the funds to increased accommodation spoke most feelingly. After the voting-papers had been handed in, and Messrs. Corbet, Sydney, and Thurnall appointed the scrutineers, the business of the meeting was opened by reading the report. It showed that there are at present 4823 members on the list, being an increase of 104 over last year, and that the funded capital stands at £17,488 17s. 10d. in the New Three per Cents, and the current cash balance at the bankers at £4298 19s. Two reforms were announced in the shape of weatherproof horseboxes for the entire horses at the shows, and the exclusion of articles from the implement yard which "had no immediate connection with the subject of agriculture." The accounts show that the Leeds receipts were £13,559 16s. 7d., and it will be interesting to see how far Battersea will be able to beat them. The arrears of subscription reached £710 at Christmas, but the Hon. Col. Hood, Chairman of the Finance Committee, announced after reading the report that they had been reduced since then to about £500. The business of the meeting was opened by the unanimous election of Lord Feversham as President for 1863, his Lordship being proposed by Lord Feversham and seconded by Mr. Miles, M.P.; and when the other formal matters were disposed of the saturnalia commenced. Mr. Beale Brown was the first to respond to the noble chairman's invitation to offer any suggestion on the society's affairs in general. It might be that he was oppressed with a consciousness of coming defeat and felt that the flank movement of the Hereford men would be fatal to his forces, and he spoke very briefly. He described the Cirencester conference as ambitious spirits which he could not rule; but, after all, they were only for proposing three tenant farmers of Cotswold belief, whereas he had maintained that two were sufficient. But for the Cotswold lustre wool, he asked, where would Yorkshire and Lancashire have been? and he did not fail to improve the fact that the Cotswolds won at Poissy, and that not one Leicester crossed the Channel to meet them.

Colonel Higgins went for placing the accounts and the House List in the hands of members a week at least before the day of election, and was met by the expense of postage and printing, and a suggestion from the chairman of the finance committee that the accounts should be published the week before in the agricultural papers. Sir John Maxwell was for publicity in general, and seemed haunted by a fear of "Jacob Omnium," or "S. G. O.," and thought, on consideration, that it was the latter. Mr. Moore wished to have the names of the new candidates published with the House List, which is a most sensible suggestion. At present members are very much in the dark as to whom they should vote for, and unless they come in a packed body they are apt either to act in too complete subserviency, to the House List or to propose names at random, to the infinite trouble of the scrutineers. One gentleman was reported by those who wrote at the same table to have objected to at least ten of the House List. Mr. Duckham spoke to the point of the Hereford men having been too much neglected in the council elections; and Mr. Jonathan Peel met the postage objection by saying that the three papers required could all be sent for the same penny which is now expended in forwarding the show programme to each of the members. The criticisers had hardly done their work when the scrutineers handed in the return list, and name after name was listened to with extraordinary interest, more especially those of Messrs. Jonas and Sanday—Southdown and Leicester—against whom the Cotswold movement was avowedly directed. When they were once proclaimed as safe, it was known that the House List had triumphed in its integrity, and that the only alteration in it was the substitution of Mr. John Arkwright, High Sheriff for Herefordshire, in the room of the late Mr. Slaney, M.P. And so the Cotswold men withdrew into the hill country to decide whether, like moody Jupiters, they will eat Battersea altogether or refuse to receive the £90 which awaits them. Never was vote of thanks to a chairman more richly merited than that which was tendered to the president. County magistrates have often told us how they delighted to listen to Judge Coleridge trying a criminal case; and chairmen of meetings might do well to take a lesson of tact, fine judgment, and conciseness from Lord Portman. The members generally betook themselves to the new hall at Islington to discuss its affairs and that of the Smithfield Show as well; and there were no *on dits* passing except that a large and highly successful shorthorn herd may not improbably soon come to the hammer.

NATIONAL SPORTS.

THE death of Blink Bonny was one of the principal topics, when the breeders and buyers of blood stock, headed by Sir Tatton Sykes and the Earl of Stamford, met in the saleyard at York, on Tuesday. Since foaling, about a month ago, she had been quite prostrate with milk fever and disease of the kidneys, and never rallied. She had sunk to a skeleton, and was in such pain at last that she could only move her head a little from side to side, and hence Mr. I'Anson mercifully put her away on Monday forenoon. She leaves behind her the bay filly Borealis, which has won once at Thirsk, and two chestnut colts, both of them by Stockwell. Her winnings reached £12,498, and Mr. I'Anson is said to have landed fully £20,000 in bets besides. Among other *on dits*, we hear that a foal has been born with one eye, and another in a very celebrated stud with no tail. The Rawcliffe company had a very fair sale, and, although they brought seven more to the hammer, their average was 140 guineas for twenty-six, and within a guinea of what it was last year. It was said that Lord Stamford, who bid through commissioners, bought four, one of them a Bataplan filly and a half sister to Brown Duchess, for 560 guineas, the top price. Colonel Towneley was second with a filly by Newminster from Isis (360 guineas). Among the seven lots, which made more than 200 guineas, were two Leamingtons, which averaged 230 guineas, and two Newminsters, which averaged 345 guineas, while a Jordan colt from Biondella's dam made 330 guineas, and an Idle Boy colt, which Mr. Saxon snapped up for the honour of the blood, 280 guineas.

John Scott's stable (whose Wold haunts will not, it is said, be ploughed up) began the day by winning the Craven Stakes with Welcome; and the Zetland Stakes with Laura, by Orlando, a 230-guinea purchase at Mr. Greville's sale. Fordham, who had won both for them, was then in opposition, in Mr. H. O'Hara's green and white, on Ivanhoff; and Ashmall took The Wizard in hand for the Great Northern Handicap. This brilliant rogue went very quietly till they began to race from the road, where he fairly overpowered his jockey, as he did Osborne at Goodwood, and seemed to have all the best of it at the stand. Then the weight, 20lb. to a four-year-old, and the soft spot, told; and, as Fordham stuck most resolutely to him, on the son of Muscovite, he threw his head round a few strides

from home, and died away in the old fashion. Caractacus was a bad third, and was evidently out of his distance, as the winner was giving him 32lb. for his year. Johnny Armstrong was fancied for the Spring St. Leger, although it was known that he had very recently been kept to his stable for three weeks with an overreach. He did not look himself, and after making his own running to the stand was caught and beaten by Brahmin, who is trained by William King at Doncaster, and belongs to a gentleman in that town. Three horses fell in the Union Hunt Plate, for which Sir Charles Slingsby on his celebrated Mousetrap, the winner of the race last year, was second.

The second day at York was dreary and showery. Spicebox answered Fordham's call very gamely in the Londesborough Cup, in which the hopes of the Virgilius party were swept to the winds. Brahmin could not give 34lb. to Bohemia (one of Mr. Jacques's breeding), and Sanita performed as badly as on the preceding day; while Cape Flyaway appropriately won the handicap which is named after his sire, and made The Marquis party still more fond for the Derby. Buckstone is at 5 to 1, only a point behind him; Lord Glasgow's Stockwell colt, thanks to the great fancy felt for him by the "Leviathan of the North," is at 10 to 1; Zetland at 13 to 1; and Ensign at 15 to 1. A new favourite has come to 100 to 8 in Baron Rothschild's Norroy, by Lambton. Kettledrum will not run till towards the autumn, and the Ascot Cup entry lacks his name. There are only fifteen entries for it, of which Stampedo and Thormanby represent the fives; Fairwater, Asteroid, Caller Ou, Palestro, Carbineer, and Brown Duchess, the fours; and Silkstone, Malek, Buckstone, Vest colt, Zetland, Harlequin, and Brighton, the threes.

Sir Richard Bulkeley has scratched Old Calabar for the Derby, and taken the long-deferred step of removing him to William Butler's. The *Sporting Life*, which has dealt in the most spirited and fearless way with this matter throughout, says that Newmarket has made it pretty hot for those concerned in this unhappy business. Mr. Merry dealt very summarily with the Vest colt business at Chester; but the public do not seem to be with him on the Custance-Costa question.

Bath has its meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, and Harpenden on Friday.

The All England have began the season well against the Clydesdale Club, who were hopelessly in the rear (despite Mr. M'Neil's splendid batting), when the match was drawn. Hayward, Clarke, and Tarrant made some very fine scores. At Sheffield, Hayward and Jackson were remarkably effective in their bowling; but, in the first innings of the Eleven, Willsher, Tarrant, Clarke, Daft, Parr, Cæsar, and Anderson were all bowled by Hodgson for single figures, and Hayward was caught off him for 25. The Eleven won the match by four wickets, and Daft's (32, not out) was the highest score. The Sussex Colts have beaten the Surrey Colts by six wickets, at The Oval, and J. Lillywhite, jun., who bowled for Surrey through both innings, took twelve wickets. The cricket fixtures are as follow:—On Monday, The All England and Twenty of Yorkshire, at Barnsley; Surrey and Yorkshire, at the Oval; and M.C.C. v. Gentlemen of Ireland, each with one player at Lords. On Thursday, All-England Eleven, North v. South, at Manchester; and New All-England Eleven v. Twenty-two of Middlesex Club at Tuffnell Park; and, on Friday, Cheltenham College v. Marlborough College, at Cheltenham.

On Monday Clasper and Drewitt row on the Tyne for £200 aside, and the Sons of the Thames Regatta is fixed for Wednesday.

YORK SPRING MEETING.—TUESDAY.

Craven Stakes.—Welcome, 1. Miss Sarah f., 2.
Zetland Stakes.—Laura f., 1. Bohemia, 2.
Great Northern Handicap.—Ivanhoff, 1. The Wizard, 2.
Stand Stakes.—Weatherwise, 1. Miller of the Rye, 2.
Spring St. Leger.—Brahmin, 1. Johnny Armstrong, 2.
Union Hunt Plate.—Baby, 1. Mousetrap, 2.
Knavesmire Plate.—Queen of Trumps, 1. Dutch Sam, 2.

WEDNESDAY.

Londesborough Cup.—Spicebox, 1. North Pole, 2.
Eglinton Stakes.—Bohemia, 1. Brahmin, 2.
Consolation Scramble.—My Mary, 1. Brother to Schiedam, 2.
Flying Dutchman's Handicap.—Cape Flyaway, 1. Virgilius, 2.
Tally-ho Stakes.—Maritana, 1. Chamande, 2.

SALISBURY RACES.—THURSDAY.

Craven Plate.—Voltigeur f., 1. Surbiton, 2.
Wiltshire Stakes.—The Roe, 1. Dusk, 2.
City Bowl.—Tadmor c., 1. True Blue, 2.
Salisbury Stakes.—Wild Dayrell f., 1.
Old Castle Stakes.—Rockley, 1. Tadmore c., 2.

MALTON RACES.—THURSDAY.

Two-Year-Old Stakes.—Brahimina, 1. L'Hirondelle, 2.
Malton Handicap.—Tim Whiffler, 1. Pembroke, 2.
Whitewall Plate.—Donne Canne, 1. Recluse, 2.
Union Hunt Cup.—The Don, 1. Yellow Dwarf, 2.

ROYAL INSTITUTION LECTURES.

DR. LYON PLAYFAIR's second lecture "On the Progress of the Chemical Arts between the Exhibitions of 1851 and 1862" was given on Thursday week. The consideration of the distillation of coal was resumed, with especial reference to the utilisation of the products formerly regarded as waste in the process of gas-making.

MR. SCOTT RUSSELL, F.R.S., gave the Friday evening discourse, his subject being "The Iron Walls of England."

PROFESSOR T. ANDERSON gave his third lecture "On Agricultural Chemistry" on Saturday last, when he resumed the consideration of the inorganic or mineral constituents of plants and their properties.

MR. C. T. NEWTON gave his concluding lecture on "Ancient Art" on Tuesday, when he considered the Macedonian period under Alexander the Great and his successors.

Mr. T. Bazley, M.P., will lecture on "Cotton" on Friday, May 30.

A series of frightful murders has been committed at Manchester. Yesterday week Mr. Evan Meller, a house-agent, was stabbed on the staircase of his office, South King-street, by a man named William Robert Taylor, whose goods he had distrained for rent. Taylor's wife stood by with a revolver, which she handed to her husband after he had used the knife. He fired one shot, which lodged in the arm of a porter who came to Mr. Meller's assistance. Mr. Meller died almost immediately from the stabs he had received. What followed was still more tragic. The prisoner made no resistance to the police, but pointed out to them one of his keys, telling them they would find something in the room to which it belonged. A horrible sight was discovered there. Lying on the bedroom floor, side by side, were the three children of the prisoner, two girls and a boy, who, it was supposed, had been starved or poisoned. The unfortunate children were dressed in long clean cotton night-dresses, with black bands round their waists, and looked as placid as if asleep. On the breast of each of them was pinned a paper bearing their names and ages—"Mary Hannah Taylor, twelve years of age;" "Hannah Maria Taylor, eight years of age;" "William Robert Taylor, five years of age." These papers also contained the following inscription:—"We are six—but one at Harptry lies—thither our bodies take. Meller and Son are our cruel murderers, but God and our loving parents will avenge us. Love rules here. We are all going to our sister, to part no more." The house and shop were empty of furniture and goods, an execution having been put in some weeks ago, when everything was sold. It appears that during the early part of last winter Taylor gave notice to Meller that a kitchen-boiler in his house was in danger of bursting, and wished to have something done to make it safe. His wishes were not complied with, and the boiler bursting during a frost, one of Taylor's daughters was killed by it—the sister alluded to in the paper found on the murdered children's bodies. An inquest was afterwards held on the body of the child, and, in consequence of the evidence given by Taylor, the jury in their verdict censured the conduct of Meller in the matter. This is said to have caused a bad feeling between the two men, and to have caused harsher proceedings in the matter of the subsequent execution than had been expected. The inquest on the bodies of Mr. Evan Meller and the three children of William Robert Taylor was brought to a close on Monday, the jury returning a verdict to the effect that Mr. Meller was murdered by Taylor and that Mrs. Taylor was accessory to the crime. As regards the children, however, the jury, while satisfied that they did not die from natural causes, found that there was "no positive proof how or by what their deaths were caused." Taylor and his wife were re-examined on Monday at the City Police Court, but they were again remanded until Monday next.

The account of two murders in Ireland has also to be added. On Thursday week Mr. John Herdman, a wealthy merchant in Belfast, was shot through the heart within one hundred yards of his own door. The murderer, William Herdman, a second cousin of the deceased, was arrested. He had upon his person a bottle containing prussic acid. A double-barrelled pistol, with which the fatal shot was fired, was picked up on the road near the spot. The accused has been in custody before for annoying his richer relatives, and was in the habit of writing to the deceased threatening letters. Mr. Herdman had frequently assisted him, and had offered to send him out to America or Australia. On Friday evening, again, Mr. Francis Fitzgerald, a landed proprietor, residing near Kilmallock, a few miles from the town of Bruff, in the county of Limerick, was shot dead whilst conversing with his wife. Of the two men engaged in this nefarious deed one has been arrested. He is a returned convict, and had formerly been tried for murder.

MONETARY TRANSACTIONS OF THE WEEK.

(From our City Correspondent.)

OWING, chiefly, to the withdrawal of about £700,000 in gold from the Bank of England for shipment to Constantinople on account of the New Turkish Loan and the apprehensions that exist in some quarters that money will be dearer, National Securities have been comparatively heavy this week, and prices have had a drooping tendency. Indian Stocks, &c., however, as the advices from Calcutta in reference to income and expenditure are very favourable, have continued tolerably firm, though less active than in the previous week.

On Thursday the directors of the Bank of England advanced their minimum rate of discount from 2½ to 3 per cent.

The supply of capital in the general discount market is still extensive, and the demand for it is steady, at the annexed rates for the best commercial paper:—

	Per cent.		Per cent.
Thirty days' bills	2½ to —	Four months' bills	3 to 3½
Sixty days' bills	2½ to —	Six months' bills	3½ to 4½
Three months' bills	2½ to 2¾		

In the Stock Exchange the quotation for loans is about 2 to 2½ per cent, at which, however, very little is doing.

On the Continent money rules about stationary. We annex the quotations in the leading cities:—

	Bank rate. Per cent.	Open market. Per cent.		Bank rate.	Open market.
Paris	3½	3	Amsterdam	4	3½
Vienna	5	5	Turin	5	4¾
Berlin	4	2¾	Brussels	3	3
Frankfort	3	3	Hamburg	—	2¾
			St. Petersburg	6½	7½

The value of the gold known to be on passage from Australia is under £400,000. The demand for bar silver is steady, at 61⅝d. per ounce.

At a meeting of the shareholders in the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent per annum was declared. The Cape Town and Dock Railway Company are about to increase their capital by 600,000 for extension purposes.

Very little change took place in the value of Home Stocks on Monday; but the market generally was very inactive:—Consols, for Money, realised 93⅝ ¾; Ditto, for the 10th of June, 92¾ ⅞; Bank Stock, 235 to 247; Reduced and New Three per Cents, 91⅝ ¾; India Stock, 227 to 229; Ditto, Five per Cents, 109¼ ⅜; Rupee Paper, 103½ ⅝, and 109¼ ⅜; India Bonds, 26s. to 29s.; Exchequer Bills, 15s. to 18s. prem. On Tuesday the transactions were on a very moderate scale, at drooping currencies:—Consols closed at 93⅝ ¾; Bank Stock, 235 to 237; Reduced and New Three per Cents, 91⅝ ¾; India Stock, 226 to 228; Ditto Bonds, 26s. to 29s.; Exchequer Bills, 15s. to 19s. premium; Four per Cent Rupee Paper, 92; Five per Cent Ditto, 103½ ¾; and the Five-and-a-Half per Cent, 109⅞. Much inactivity prevailed on the following day:—Consols, for Transfer, realised 93⅝ ½ ¼; Ditto, for Time, 92 to 92⅜ ex div.; Reduced and New Three per Cents, 91⅝ ½; India Stock, 227 to 228; Ditto Five per Cents, 109¼ ⅜; Rupee Paper, 103½ to 103⅝ and 109¼ ⅜; India Bonds, 26s. to 29s. prem.; Exchequer Bills, 14s. to 17s. prem. On Thursday the market was dull, at further reduced currencies:—Consols, for Money, marked 93¼ to ⅜; for Account, 92 to 92½; the Reduced and the New Three per Cents, 91½ to ⅝; and Exchequer Bills, 14s. to 17s prem.

Mexican Stock has been very dull, and prices have given way fully one per cent. All other foreign bonds have ruled heavy, and the quotations have not been supported. Turkish Scrip has marked 2⅝ to 2⅞; Egyptian, 1¼ to 1⅝; and Russian, ⅜ to ½ prem. Brazilian Four-and-a-Half per Cents, have been done at 93; Buenos Ayres Deferred, 35½; Chilian Six per Cents, 101½; Gautemala, 70; Mexican Three per Cents, 31½; Moorish, 91½; Peruvian Four-and-a-Half per Cents, 98; Portuguese Three per Cents, 45½; Russian Five per Cents, 97½; Sardinian Five per Cents, 84½; Spanish Three per Cents, 54½; Ditto, Passive, 19⅝; Ditto, Certificates, 9; Turkish Old Six per Cents, 81; Ditto, new, 71; Turkish Four per Cents, 103; Venezuela Three per Cents, 23½; and Italian Five per Cents, 71.

The market for Joint-stock Bank Shares have been dull, and the currencies have had a downward tendency. Agra and United Service have sold at 89½; Alliance, 4½ new; Australasia, 65½; Chartered of India, Australia, and China, 19½ ex div.; City, 96½; Imperial, 2½; English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered, 18⅞; London Chartered of Australia, 26½; Ditto, New, 26; London and County, 39½; London Joint Stock, 37⅝; London and Westminster, 80½; Oriental, 50½; Ottoman, 26; South Australia, 37; Union of Australia, 44⅜; and Union of London, 33.

The dealings in Colonial Government Securities have been somewhat restricted:—Canada Five per Cents have realised 101½; New Brunswick Six per Cents, 108; New South Wales Five per Cents, 1871 to 1876, 99½; Ditto, 1888 to 1891, 98½; and Victoria Six per Cents, 105½.

Miscellaneous Securities have been very inactive. Anglo-Mexican Mint Shares have have marked 18⅝; Berlin Waterworks, 5½; Crystal Palace, 35; London General Omnibus, 1⅝; Red Sea and India Telegraph, 19½; Peel River Land and Mineral, 56; Peninsular and Oriental Steam, 69½; Ditto, New, 41½; Rio de Janeiro City Improvements, 26½; Scottish Australian Investments, 138.

We have to report a very inactive market for railway shares, and a pretty general decline in the quotations of ½ to 1 per cent. The quantity of stock afloat, however, is not to say extensive. The following are the leading quotations for the week:—

ORDINARY SHARES AND STOCKS.—Caledonian, 108; East Anglian, 21½; Eastern Counties, 56½; Edinburgh, Perth, and Dundee, 30; Great Western, 72½; Lancashire and Yorkshire, 107⅞; London and North-Western, 93½; London and South-Western, 99½; Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, 41; Midland, 128; North-Eastern—Berwick, 97½; South-Eastern, 83½.

PREFERENCE SHARES.—Great Western Five per Cent Redeemable Preference, 102½; North-Eastern Four-and-a-Half per Cent, 101½; South Devon Annuity, 10s., 10½; South-Eastern Four-and-a-Half per Cent, 102½; South Wales Four-and-a-Half per Cents, 10½; West Midland—Oxford, 1st guarantee, 126½.

LINES LEASED AT FIXED RENTALS.—London, Tilbury, and Southend, 88½; Manchester, Buxton, and Matlock, 3½; Midland—Bradford, 96.

BRITISH POSSESSIONS.—Bombay, Baroda, and Central India, 102⅜; Buffalo and Lake Huron, 5⅜; Eastern Bengal, 103; East Indian, 104½; Grand Trunk of Canada, 24; Ditto, Six per Cent Preference, 69; Ditto, Debenture, 37½; Great Indian Peninsula, 102⅜; Great Southern of India, 101½; Madras, 101⅜; Punjaub, 20⅝.

FOREIGN.—Antwerp and Rotterdam, 7½ ex div.; Dutch Rhenish, 17½; Great Luxembourg, 15; Sambre and Meuse, 11⅜ ex div.; San Paulo, 8⅜; South-Austrian and Lombardo-Venetian, 21½ ex div.

Friday Afternoon.

The market for Home Securities is flat to-day, yet very little change has taken place in prices. Consols for Money, are 93⅜ to ½; for Account, 92 to 92½; the Reduced and the New Three per Cents, 91⅝ to ½; and Exchequer Bills, 14s. to 16s. prem. Indian Securities are steady at late rates. The Five per Cents have marked 109½ to ⅝ or 107 to 107½ ex. div. The dealings in the Foreign House have been far from numerous, and the quotations have had a downward tendency. The Railway Share Market is dull, on rather easier terms.

THE MARKETS.

CORN EXCHANGE (Friday).—There was a very moderate show of samples of English wheat on sale here to-day, the greater portion of which was taken off, at quite Monday's decline in the quotations. With foreign wheat the market was well supplied. In all descriptions sales progressed slowly, and prices were with difficulty supported. Floating cargoes of grain changed hands to a moderate extent, on rather easier terms. The supply of foreign barley was large; of English, very moderate. All kinds sold heavily, and the currencies had a drooping tendency. The malt trade was inactive, yet no change took place in prices. For oats there was a fair demand, and all superior samples were firm in value, whilst medium and inferior parcels were without quotable alteration. Beans and peas met a heavy market, at barely late rates; the supply on offer, however, was small. All kinds of flour were a slow sale; and, where sales were pressed, prices ruled the turn lower.

Arrivals this Week.—English: wheat, 1160; barley, 50; malt, 2560; oats, 170; flour, 1730 sacks. Foreign: wheat, 24,110; barley, 14,050; oats, 10,500; flour, 1000 barrels.

English.—Wheat, Essex and Kent, red, 52s. to 54s.; ditto white, 54s. to 60s.; Norfolk and Suffolk, red, 52s. to 56s.; rye, 28s. to 32s.; grinding barley, 27s. to 29s.; distilling ditto, 30s. to 32s.; malting ditto, 30s. to 39s.; Lincoln and Norfolk malt, 62s. to 61s.; brown ditto, 50s. to 56s.; Kingston and Ware, 62s. to 65s.; Chevalier, 65s. to 66s.; Yorkshire and Lincolnshire feed oats 20s. to 24s.; potato ditto, 22s. to 26s.; Youghal and Cork, black, 18s. to 21s.; ditto, white, 19s. to 23s.; tick beans, 31s. to 34s.; grey peas, 35s. to 38s.; maple, 39s. to 41s.; white, 38s. to 39s.; boilers, 40s. to 41s. per quarter. Town-made flour, 46s. to 51s.; town households, 43s. to 45s.; country marks, 38s. to 40s. per 280lb.; American, 24s. to 30s. per barrel.

Seeds.—Clover seed is in fair request, at about stationary prices. Linseed commands full quotations; but all other seeds are a dull inquiry. Cakes rule very inactive.

Linseed, English, crushing, 56s. to 60s.; Calcutta, 61s. to 62s.; hempseed, 49s. to 50s. per quarter; coriander, 14s. to 16s.; brown mustard seed, 7s. to 10s.; white ditto, 6s. 6d. to 8s. per cwt.; tares, 6s. 6d. to 7s 6d. per bushel; English rapeseed, 60s. to 63s. per quarter. Linseed cakes, English, £9 15s. to £10 10s.; ditto, foreign, £9 10s. to £11; rape cakes, £6 to £6 15s. per ton; canary, 40s. to 53s. per quarter; red clover seed, 43s. to 64s.; white ditto, 60s. to 80s. per cwt.

Bread.—The prices of wheaten bread in the metropolis are from 8d. to 8½d.; of household ditto, 6½d. to 7½d. per 4lb. loaf.

Imperial Weekly Averages.—Wheat, 57s. 11d.; barley, 37s.; oats, 23s. 5d.; rye, 34s. 5d.; beans, 39s. 10d.; peas, 39s. 7d.

The Six Weeks' Averages.—Wheat, 59s. 9d.; barley, 36s. 11d; oats, 22s. 1d.; rye, 36s. 6d.; beans, 39s. 4d.; peas, 40s. 1d.

English Grain Sold Last Week.—Wheat, 66,313; barley, 7935; oats, 10,444; rye, 190; beans, 4166; peas, 198 quarters.

Tea.—The exports from China to the latest dates were over 90,000,000lb. Our market is somewhat heavy, yet very little change has taken place in the quotations.

Sugar.—Privately, as well as a public sale, a fair average business has been passing in most kinds of raw sugar, at full prices. Barbadoes has realised 33s. to 41s.; Mauritius, 30s. 6d. to 43s. 6d. per cwt. Refined goods—the show of which is only moderate—are firm, at 4s. 6d. per cwt. for common brown lumps.

Coffee.—All kinds have continued in steady, but by no means active, request, at fully previous rates.

Rice.—The transactions are still confined to immediate events, on former terms.

Provisions.—Irish butter is a dull inquiry, and lower to purchase. Foreign qualities move off slowly, on former terms. Bacon steady, at 67s. to 69s. for Waterford. All other provisions rule about stationary.

Tallow.—Prices are a shade higher, with a firm market. P.Y.C., on the spot, has sold at 48s. 6d. to 48s. 9d.; and for delivery during the last three months, 49s. 3d. to 49s. 6d. per cwt.

Oils.—Linseed oil is firm, at £39; Rape moves off slowly, at £47 to £49; olive, £52 10s. to £57; Cochin cocoanut, £52 10s. to £53; fine palm, £42 10s.; sperm, £90 to £91; pale southern, £36 to £36 10s.; pale seal, £42 to £43; and cod, £40 to £41. American turpentine has realised 75s; and French, 72s. per cwt.

Spirits.—There is only a moderate inquiry for rum, at about previous rates. Proof Leewards, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; proof East India, 1s. 5d. per gallon. Brandy is held at from 5s. to 11s. 6d.; Hambro' spirit, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; English ditto, 1s. 10d. to 2s. 2d.; and English gin, for export, 2s. 6d. to 3s. per gallon.

Hay and Straw.—Meadow hay, £2 to £5; clover ditto, £3 10s. to £6; and straw, £1 10s to £2 5s. per load. A slow trade.

Wool.—The public sales of colonial wool are progressing slowly, at a decline in the quotations of ½d. to 2d. per lb. Privately, very little is doing.

Potatoes.—The supplies are seasonably good and the trade is heavy, at from 100s. to 200s. per ton. New ware are selling at from 10s to 14s. per cwt.

Coals (Friday).—Best house coals, 15s. to 16s.; seconds, 13s. 6d. to 14s. 6d.; Hartley's, 14s. 6d. to 15s. 6d; and manufacturers' 11s. 6d. to 13s. 6d. per ton.

Hops (Friday).—The favourable accounts from the plantations have produced some heaviness in the hop trade, especially as regards medium and inferior parcels, which are rather drooping in value; fine samples, however, continue firm in price. Mid and East Kents, 126s. to 168s.; Weald of Kents, 120s. to 135s.; Sussex, 105s. to 130s. per cwt.

Metropolitan Cattle Market (Thursday, May 24).—To-day's market was scantily supplied with beasts; nevertheless, all breeds moved off slowly, at Monday's currency. Sheep—the show of which was only moderate—were in fair request, at full prices. The best Downs realised 4s. 10d. per 8lb. Lambs were very dull, and the quotations further declined 4d. per 8lb. They ranged from 5s. 8d. to 7s. per 8lb. The supply in the pens was seasonably extensive. We have to report a dull inquiry for calves, at about stationary prices. Pigs changed hands slowly, on former terms. In the value of milch cows no change took place. Per 8lb. to sink the offal:—Coarse and inferior beasts, 2s. to 3s.; second quality ditto, 3s. 2d. to 3s. 6d.; prime large oxen, 3s. 8d. to 4s.; prime Scots, &c., 4s. 2d. to 4s. 4d.; coarse and inferior sheep, 3s. 4d. to 3s. 6d.; second quality ditto, 3s. 8d to 3s. 10d; prime coarse-woolled sheep, 4s. to 4s. 4d.; prime Southdown ditto, 4s. 8d. to 4s. 10d.; large coarse calves, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 8d.; prime small ditto, 4s. 10d. to 5s. 2d.; large hogs, 3s. 6d. to 4s.; neat small porkers, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 10d.; lambs, 5s. 8d. to 7s.; suckling calves, 18s. to 20s.; and quarter-old store pigs, 19s. to 25s. each. Total supply: Beasts, 885; cows, 140; sheep and lambs, 8840; calves, 130; pigs, 340. Foreign: Beasts, 149; sheep, 990; calves, 70.

Newgate and Leadenhall (Friday).—Since our last report the demand for each kind of meat has ruled heavy, at reduced currencies. In lamb a considerable fall has taken place. Inferior beef, from 2s. 8d. to 3s.; middling ditto, 3s. 2d. to 3s. 4d.; prime large ditto, 3s. 6d. to 3s. 8d.; prime small ditto, 3s. 10d. to 4s.; inferior mutton, 3s. 4d. to 3s. 8d.; middling ditto, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 2d.; prime ditto, 4s. 4d. to 4s. 6d.; veal, 3s. 8d. to 4s. 8d.; small pork, 4s. 6d. to 4s. 10d.; large pork, 3s. 10d. to 4s. 4d.; lamb, 5s. 8d. to 6s. 4d. per 8lb, by the carcase.

ROBERT HERBERT.

THE LONDON GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, MAY 16.

BANKRUPTCY ANNULLED.

S. F. GREEN, Waterloo-road, Lambeth.

BANKRUPTS.

ELIZABETH HUGHES, Oxford-street, lodging-house keeper.—C. STEEL, King's-place, Commercial-road East, auctioneer.—R. H. HARDIMAN, Bournemouth, Hants, harness maker.—A. SHEPHERD, Clarges-street, Piccadilly, commission agent.—T. J. SMITH, Hope-yard, Bishopsgate-street Without, engineer.—W. CLEMENT, West Harptree, Somersetshire, farmer.—J. DUNBAR, Upper Ebury-street, painter.—J. WILLANS, junior, Park-road, Clapham-road, corndealer.—J. SPREADBROW, Orchard-street, Kensington, tobacconist.—R. D. PALMER, Cannon-street-road, St. George's-in-the-East, butcher.—A. WHITE, Cannon-street West, warehousemen.—G. HITCHEN, Barnsley, beerseller and pork butcher.—C. WILKINS, Oxford, butcher.—A. BROWN, Finchley-road, billbroker.—J. C. FREELAND, Commercial-place, Kingsland, bookseller.—E. WRIGHT, High-street, Bow, carpenter.—J. A. DRIEU, Skinner-street, leather importer.—ELIZABETH, C., and E. REYNOLDS, Paddington-street, cowkeepers.—W. GODDARD, Tunbridge, ship's steward.—J. PEARSON, Vauxhall, timber merchant.—M. GEERE, Chatham, stonemason.—B. BRYAN, Enfield, butcher. J. DEAN, Southampton, leatherseller.—W. BAKER, Padbury, Buckinghamshire, licensed victualler.—B. C. JONES, Westbourne-terrace, tobacco merchant.—T. SIMMONS, Cannon-street West, warehouseman.—W. MAKIN, Manchester, grocer.—J. WELCH, Whaley Bridge, Cheshire, calico printer.—W. CHARLTON, Hott, Northumberland, farmer.—A. EDMOND, Newcastle-on-Tyne, licensed victualler.—J. THOMPSON, Birmingham, baker.—T. BATE, Birmingham, commission agent.—W. B. RICHARDSON, Walsall, beerhouse-keeper.—J. CHAMP, Tunstall and Burslem, boot and shoe maker.—J. P. SMITH, Tettenhall, Staffordshire, dealer in agricultural implements.—W. EVANS, Shrewsbury, tailor.—J. CROFTS, Leicester.—J. B. PARSONS, Weston-super-Mare, grocer.—D. JONES, Cardiff, coal merchant.—G. H. SNOW, Bideford, Devonshire, saddler.—J. DURANCE, jun., Lincoln, stonemason.—S. HOLMES, Kingston-upon-Hull, draper.—H. WARD and J. WOODCOCK, Sheffield, edge tool manufacturers.—B. BREARLY, Liverpool, stonemason.—J. J. HERTFORD, Liverpool, licensed victualler.—J. BANKS, Liverpool, metal dealer.—A. M'KAY, Manchester, draper.—C. RUSSELL, Chithurst, Sussex, carpenter.—G. BRANTON, Newton-heath, near Manchester, pattern designer.—E. PAGE, Peterborough, tailor.—H. MOULD, Raunds, Northamptonshire, innkeeper.—G. HOSKISON, Church Gresley, Derbyshire, beerhouse-keeper.—J. D. KEATES, Burton-on-Trent, bricklayer.—W. A. WISE, Theale, Berkshire, smith.—S. PATTISON, Newcastle-under-Lyme, provision dealer.—G. BARKER, Woodbridge, Suffolk, innkeeper.—J. S. MARSHALL, Castle Cary, Somersetshire, shoemaker.—C. BLANKS, East Hanningfield, Essex, blacksmith.—T. HAITH, Fulstow, Lincolnshire, blacksmith.—J. BIRKIN, Ripley, Derbyshire, builder.—J. FURNISS, Sheffield, butcher.—W. VICARY, Exford, Somersetshire, innkeeper.—C. BIGNELL, Portsea, Hants, baker.—A. JEROME, Gosport, Hants, builder.—R. MARSHALL, Southsea, Hants, cowkeeper.—J. PAINE, Westmeon, Hants, blacksmith.—T. HADWELL, Kidderminster, shoemaker.—S. MASON, Nottingham, dyer.—W. BROMWICH, Kidderminster, beerhouse-keeper.—C. MOGRIDGE, Bridgwater, grocer.—W. G. P. BRITTEN, Victoria-villas, Battersea, engineer.—M. M'MAHON, Barnsley, plasterer.—C. SMALLWOOD, Birmingham, provision dealer.—J. NOTT, Kempley, Gloucestershire, wheelwright.—G. F. CASSON, Halifax, saddler.—W. BALDRY, Norwich, licensed victualler.—W. KAY, Wakefield, bricklayer.—J. KAY, jun., Wakefield, brickmaker.—J. LEWIS, Cwinten, Carmarthenshire, farmer.—W. REED, Llanelly, Carmarthenshire, teadealer.—J. ADAMS, Twerton, Somersetshire, slater.—J. PENN, Warwick, van proprietor.—T. GILLBANKS, Bury, twine manufacturer.—J. KEYSER, Greenwich, master mariner.—S. MASON, Nottingham, dyer.—R. L. WALKER, Fulbourne, Cambridgeshire, farmer.—M. ARCHDEACON, Strand, bookseller.

SCOTCH SEQUESTRATIONS.

J. STURROCK, Aberdeen, ironmonger.—J. OGILVY and SON, Arbroath, flax-spinners.—J. WILSON, in Mains of Grange, Banff, farmer.—JANET M'LEOD, Hamilton.—G. ROSS, Helmsdale, merchant and innkeeper.—ISABELLA YULE, or DAWSON, Auchinder, Aberdeenshire, innkeeper.—W. HARVIE, Glasgow, timber merchant.—J. HERVIE, Glasgow, wood merchant.

TUESDAY, MAY 20.

BANKRUPTCIES ANNULLED.

J. FITZGERALD, Brighton, marine store dealer.—J. SMITH, Halifax, Yorkshire, cabinet maker.—H. FOULKES, John-street, Kennington-road, cab proprietor.—J. MARSDEN, Orrell, Lancashire, manufacturer of nails.

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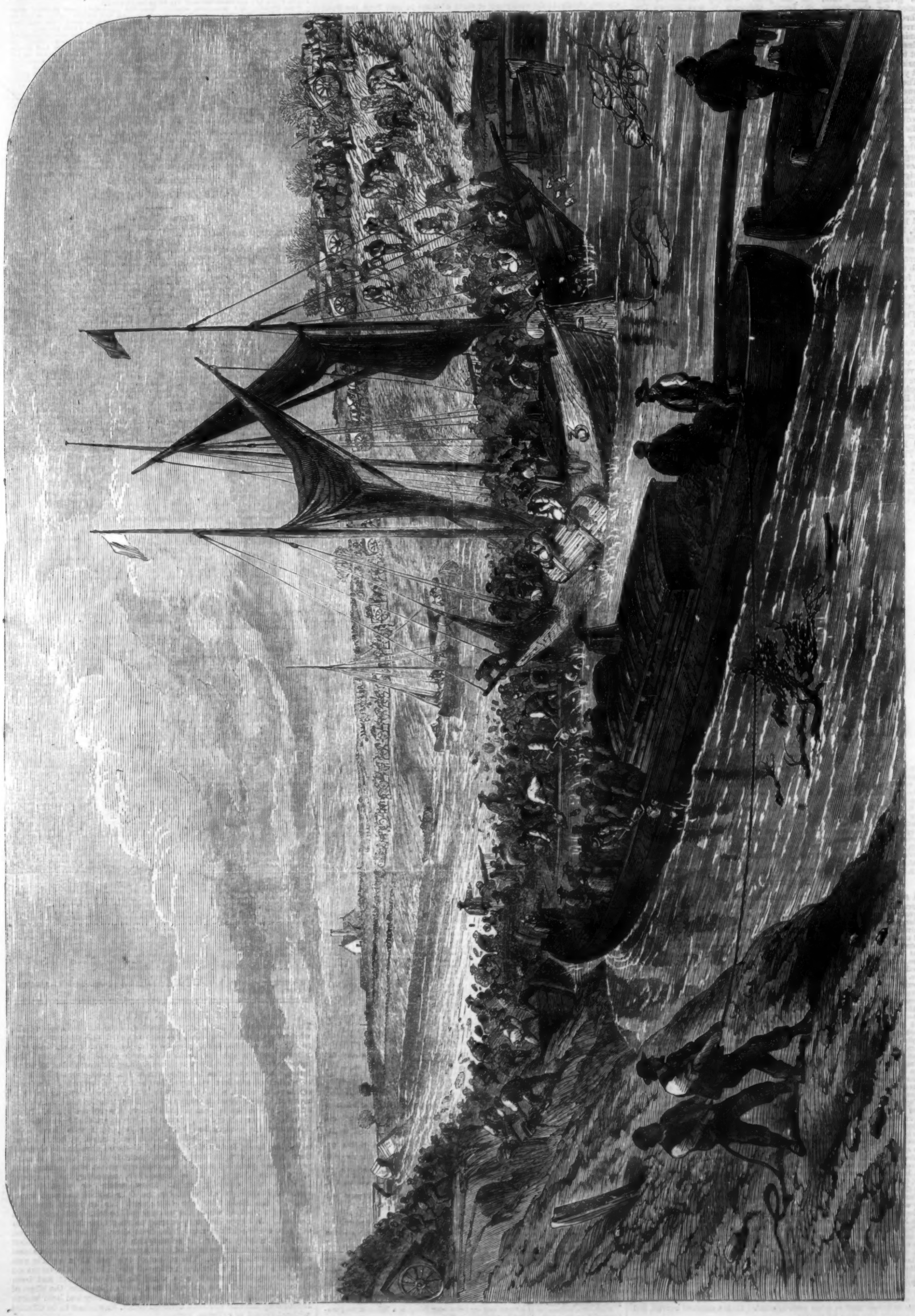
THE FLOOD IN THE FENS.

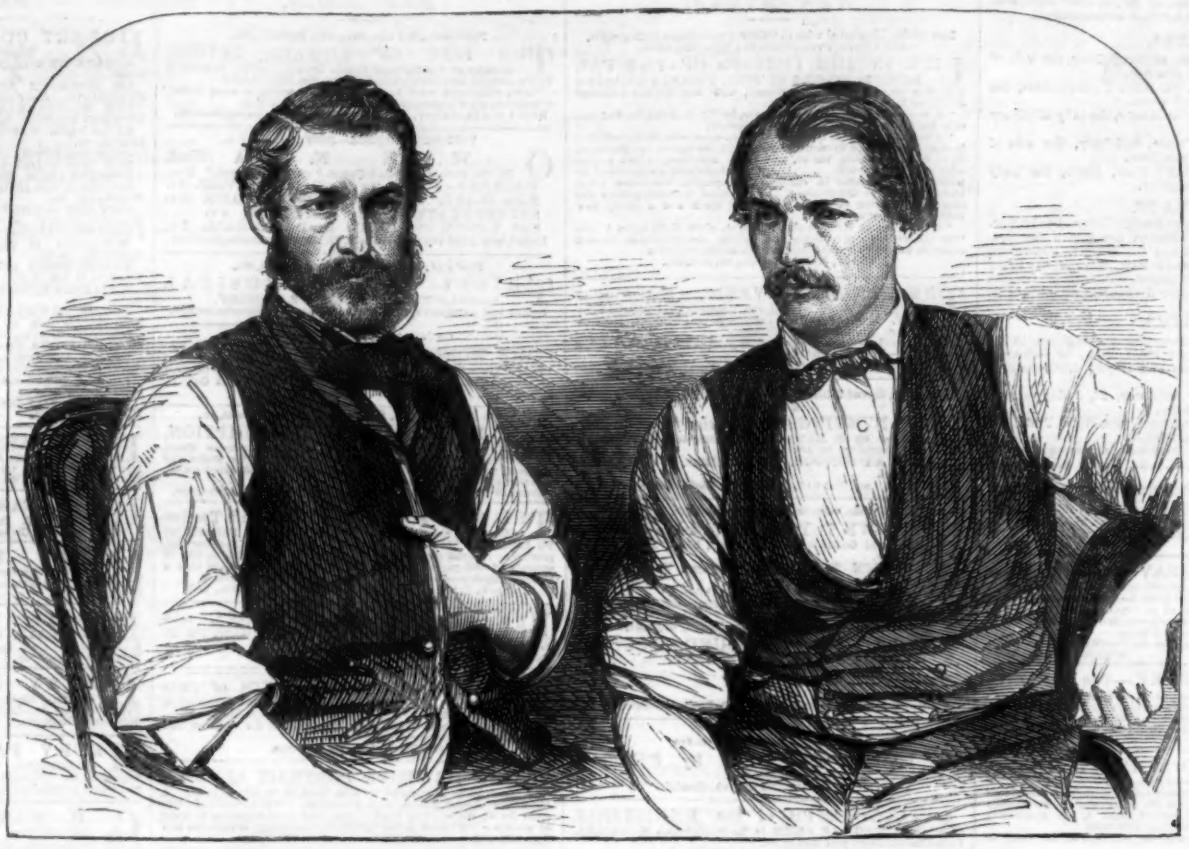
THE destruction of the sluice connected with the Middle-Level outfall, which we detailed last week, has been attended with the most serious results. Since this sluice gave way a succession of flood tides has poured into the cut, the banks have been unable to withstand the increased pressure, and the waters are flowing out over all the adjacent farms. Every effort has hitherto been in vain to stop them; hundreds of workmen have been employed day and night in driving piles and constructing dams, which the first high tide washes away again in a moment. We give on the next page an Illustration of the unsuccessful attempt to make a dam a little above the ruined sluice. More than 10,000 acres of harvest, pasture, and garden are already submerged. All vegetable produce has been destroyed, farmyards have been cleared of their contents, the live stock are only saved by being driven to higher levels, and whole families of labourers have had to abandon their cottages, and, in many cases, their furniture also. Steam-packets are paddling where a few days ago wheat was growing and cattle were grazing. It is impossible, moreover, to set any limit to the calamity, or to know where or when it will end. All depends on what can be done within the next week. Happily the flood tides are over; and the engineers have an interval for work, in which the pressure will be somewhat less than it has been. We hope they may succeed in stemming the evil. But in any case much mischief must have been done. Many families must have been already ruined. A subscription either has been or is about to be set on foot for the relief of those among the sufferers who are least able to bear their losses. The subject of the inundation on the east coast was brought under the notice of the House of Commons on Thursday by Mr. Bentinck, who asked Mr. Fellowes what had been done. That gentleman entered into a long explanation, the effect of which was that the repairing of the works where they had been broken through by the tide had been confided to Mr. Hawkshaw to be effected without regard to expense.



THE GREAT FLOOD IN THE FENS: ATTEMPT TO FORM A DAM IN THE MIDDLE-LEVEL DRAIN.—SEE PRECEDING PAGE.

THE STEWARD AND COOK OF THE EMILY ST. PIERRE.

WE had the pleasure of giving in our last Number a Portrait of Captain Wilson, commander of the Emily St. Pierre, and it is with like pleasure that we give in our present Issue Portraits of the two brave men—the steward and cook of that vessel—who so promptly seconded his exertions in regaining possession of the Emily St. Pierre—recapturing her from a prize crew consisting of two officers and thirteen men of the United States' Navy. The circumstances of this daring act, happily crowned with success, and showing in a most remarkable manner how "fortune favours the brave," are too fresh in our readers' memory to need recapitulation. Matthew Montgomery, the steward, is a native of Dublin: he is of small stature, and about twenty-eight years old. The cook, named Louis Schelvin, who is in his twenty-seventh year, is a German, belonging to Frankfort-on-Maine. Purses of gold and silver medals, with suitable inscriptions, have recently been presented to the steward and cook.



MATTHEW MONTGOMERY, THE STEWARD. LOUIS SHELVIN, THE COOK.

THE COOK AND STEWARD OF THE EMILY ST. PIERRE.

FIRE AT THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK.

THE western wing of the Queen's College, Cork, was completely burnt to the ground on Thursday week. The fire was discovered a little before six o'clock in the morning by the turnkey of the County Gaol, who immediately ran up and warned the inmates. Sir Robert Kane, president, and Dr. Ryall, vice-president, were both in bed in their apartments a short distance from the burning wing. They immediately rose, and all the officials and porters on the premises were summoned to assist in arresting the progress of the flames. Fire-engines were soon on the spot; but the fire raged so furiously that there was no hope of saving the wing, and all that could be done was to prevent the flames communicating with the other parts of the building, which was fortunately done. This wing is a large cut-stone building, about 120ft. long by 25ft. or 30ft. wide, containing a range of lecture-rooms connected by a corridor, which runs the whole length. Under each of the doors of the lecture-rooms half-consumed matches were discovered, and the lower edges of the doors just over them were charred and burnt. This has given rise to a suspicion that the fire was the work of an incendiary, and the council are engaged in investigating the matter. In addition to the destruction of the building itself the loss of property was very great. Everything in the materia medica room, where the fire appears first to have burst out with any strength, was destroyed, including pharmacy apparatus, the plates, and the herbarium, which was considered to be one of the finest in Great Britain. The pathological museum was destroyed, and a great deal of property belonging to Dr. O'Leary. Professor Rushton lost some valuable old manuscripts, and Professor Lewis lost a valuable collection of antique medals, bronzes, shields, &c., and also a valuable casket of antique gems. Professor Vericour lost some manuscripts and other property, and the notes of a work which he was engaged in writing. In other lecture-rooms also valuable scientific and other instruments were completely destroyed. Most of the contents of the laboratory were saved, and some portion of the contents of the engineering department, but very little more.

The Queen's College is a handsome quadrangular structure, in the Tudor Gothic style, situated on a slight eminence over the southern fork of the River Lee. Sir Thomas Deane was the architect, and Mr. John Butler, of Dublin, the builder. Lord Macaulay, in his "History of England" (vol iii.' p. 171), alludes to this building as a Gothic college worthy to stand in the High-street of Oxford."

RICHMOND CASTLE, YORKSHIRE.

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WE engrave this drawing not only because it is a favourable example of the artist's tender and beautiful execution, but because the oft-painted scene is represented from a new point of view and with a novel effect—that of moonlight. The view is taken from the banks of the Swale below Richmond Castle: the ruin is therefore on the left of the spectator. The shimmering, uncertain effect of moonlight is very happily conveyed by an indefinable stippled tremulousness of touch peculiar to the painter. The leaves tremble and the river flows flickeringly and waveringly in the mellow radiance. The artist must have seen the effect he so well suggests on some July midnight, when from out

A full-orbed moon . . .
There fell a silvery-silken veil of light,
With quietude, and sultriness, and slumber.

Richmond Castle, perched so picturesquely on an almost perpendicular rock about 100ft. above the bed of the river, is of rare antiquarian interest. The bold Norman keep of the castle, with its walls nearly 100ft. high and 11ft. thick, is still almost entire, as we see in our Engraving. The castle, with all the surrounding district, is, in fact, interwoven inseparably with English history and the drama of Shakspeare. Alan Rufus, a kinsman of William the Conqueror, who accompanied him in his expedition to England, first obtained from William the title of Earl of Richmond, together with the estates of the Saxon Earl Edwin, embracing nearly 200 manors and townships, and a jurisdiction over all Richmondshire—about a third of the North Riding. These possessions fell to the Crown on Henry, Earl of Richmond, becoming King of England, with the title of Henry VII. Charles II. bestowed the title of Duke of Richmond on his son Charles Lennox, in whose descendants the dignity continues. A small monastery, called the Grey Friary, was founded at Richmond in 1258: of the building only a tower and steeple remain. Richmond parish church is a Gothic building with portions of Norman character. The Free Grammar School was incorporated by Queen Elizabeth.

DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF THE WESTERN WING OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CORK, ON THURSDAY WEEK.

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BIRTHS.

On the 12th of January last, at Hong-Kong, the wife of H. G. Thomsett, Esq., R.N., of a son.

On the 16th inst., at No. 10, Hyde Park-gardens, the wife of Thomas Lucas, Esq., of a son.

On the 17th inst., at Rampton Manor, the lady of Henry Eyre, Esq., of a son.

On the 17th inst., at The Palace, Salisbury, the wife of the Bishop of Salisbury, of a daughter.

On the 19th inst., at Ball's Park, Herts, the Lady Elizabeth St. Aubyn, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 8th inst., at St. Mary Church, Devon, by the Rev. Reginald H. Barnes, M.A., Vicar of the parish, the Rev. John Parr, M.A., Incumbent of St. Peter's, Parkstone, Dorset, only son of John Edward Parr, Esq., of the Inner Temple, to Mary Stewart, youngest daughter of the late Robert Ker, Esq., of Argrennan, Kirkcudbrightshire, N.B. No cards sent.

DEATHS.

On the 16th inst., at 9, Eastern-terrace, Brighton, in the 67th year of his age, Samuel Platt, Esq., of Belmont, Wimbledon Park, a magistrate and Deputy-Lieutenant of the county of Middlesex.

On the 18th inst., at her residence, 26, Sydney-street, Brompton, Miss Marian Sotheby.

On the 18th inst., at 3, Rutland-gate, Hyde Park, the Hon. Mrs. Edward Twisleton, aged 33.

On the 15th inst., at his residence, Queen-square, St. James's Park, Sir B. Hawes, K.C.B., Under Secretary of State for War.

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